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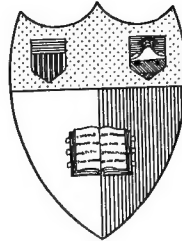


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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the College in the City of *Williamsburgh*, on *Thursday* the twenty seventh Day of *February*, in the twenty fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the second by the Grace of God of of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord, one Thousand seven hundred and Fifty two. And from thence Continued by several Prorogations, to *Thursday* the twenty second day of *August*, in the twenty eighth Year of his Majesties Reign, and in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Fifty four, and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburgh*---

Being the fourth Session of this present General Assembly.---



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A General Affembly Summoned to be held at the College in the City of *Williamsburgh*, on *Thursday* the twenty feventh Day of *February*, in the twenty fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the fecond by the Grace of God of of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord, one Thoufand feven hundred and Fifty two. And from thence Continued by feveral Prorogations, to *Thursday* the twenty fecond day of *August*, in the twenty eighth Year of his Majefties Reign, and in the Year of our Lord one Thoufand feven Hundred and Fifty four, and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburgh*---

Being the fourth * Seffion of this prefent General Affembly.---

Thursday August 22^d 1754

Present

THE Governor, *William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r & Thomas Dawson Clerk*

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and Acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Governor Commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber,

The Burgeffes accordingly Attending, The Governor was pleafed to make the following Speech (viz^t)

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,

I am very fenfible the great Expençe [See J. of H. of B., 1752-1758, pp. 189-190.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Ordered,

That the Governor's Speech be read.

Read Accordingly.

Resolved,

That an Addrefs be prepared to return the Governor the thanks of this Houfe for his Speech, to Affure his Honour that we will Chearfully & readily concur in any Meas-ures for obtaining the good Ends, that he is pleafed fo Warmly and Affectionately to recommend to us.

And the fame was refer'd to *Thomas Nelson, Philip Ludwell Esq^r & M^r Comiffary*—

Then the Houfe Adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday

* Proceedings of the Council at the 3rd feffion of this Affembly have not been found.

Friday August 23^d

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

Thomas Nelson Esq^r from the Committee appointed to draw an Address to the Governor reported that they had drawn the same accordingly,

Which being read and agreed to was Ordered to be Fairly transcribed.

Ordered,

That the Gentlemen who drew the Address wait on the Governor to know when and where he'll be pleased to receive the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday August 24th

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Thomas Nelson Esq^r from the Committee Appointed to wait on the Governor reported that they had Accordingly waited on his Honour who was pleas'd to say he would be in the Council Chamber at 12 o'Clock to receive the Address of this House,

Present The Governor

William Fairfax Esq^r on behalf of the Council delivered the following Address to the Governor, (Viz^t)

To the Honorable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq^r; His Majesties Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia,

The humble Address of the Council.—

Sir,

We his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, return your Honor our most Sincere and Hearty Thanks for Your kind and Affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session.

As we are very deeply affected with your Honor's earnest and most expressive Representation of the present Exigency; and no less Sensible of the real Concern, which your Honor has fully manifested for the Prosperity, Happiness, and Safety of this Dominion, We beg leave to present you, *Sir*, with such unfeigned & Zealous Acknowledgments, as ought to be the result, and must necessarily flow from the grateful Sense of such vigilant and beneficent Care of our Dearest Interests.

The ambitious views of the *French*, their open Contempt and Violation of Treaties, and their unjust Invasions of His Majesty's Territories make our Hearts Burn with resentment: And we Assure Your Honor, that we look upon ourselves as bound by every Tie of Loyalty, Gratitude and Humanity, cheerfully to concur in every Measure that will most effectually conduce to support the Dignity of the Crown, Secure the Lives and Properties of our Fellow-Subjects and repel the Force of those perfidious people and Enemies of Mankind.

Inspired by these Thoughts, our Counsels at this perilous Time shall be directed with all the Unanimity, Deliberation & Dispatch, which is due to the Importance of the Subject, Duty to the best of Kings, and true Patriotism for the Defence of our Country.

Your Honor's Journey to *Winchester*, which was Undertaken with a View to cultivate the Friendship of the Indians, and thereby to Strengthen our Western Frontier, could not but be attended with much Fatigue and Trouble: We therefore beg leave to return your Honor our Thanks for this Instance of your unwearied Diligence in promoting the true Interest & Prosperity of this Colony.

We cannot but conclude with Adding our most fervent prayers to the Almighty Arbiter of Peace and War That he would direct your Honour's Consultations, prosper
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your Endeavours, give Peace and Prosperity to this Dominion, and, in Order to that, long continue Your Honor an Ornament, and an Happiness to us.

To which his Honor was pleased to return the following Answer, Viz^t,

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my sincere and Hearty Thanks for your kind and Affectionate Addresse. It gives me much pleasure and Satisfaction to find your strong Intentions to concur with me in defeating the unwarrantable Designs of the *French*, which requires the utmost Vigor and Dispatch.

I do Assure you, *Gentlemen*, that I shall never think any Fatigue too much in the Service of my King, or that may tend to the Pro[s]perity, and safety of this Dominion; and it is great Joy to me, to have Gentlemen of your probity and good Sense to consult with on all Occasions, and That my Transactions meet with your Approbation.

Then the House, Adjourned till 11 o'Clock on *Monday*.

Monday August 26th

Present

A S YESTERDAY Except, *William Nelson Esq^r*
Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Governor is now ready in the Council Chamber to receive their Addresse.—

The Burgeesses Accordingly Attending, The Speaker delivered the following Addresse

Viz^t,

Sir,

We His Majestys most dutiful [See J. of H. of B., p. 192.]

To which His Honor was pleased to return the following Answer.

M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeesses.

I Thank you for your Addresse [See J. of H. of B., p. 195.]

Adjourned till To-morrow 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday August 27th

Present

A S YESTERDAY

Met and Adjourned for want of Business till 11 O'clock To-morrow.

Wednesday August 28th

Present

A S YESTERDAY

Met and Adjourn'd till 11 o Clock To-morrow.

Thursday August 29th

Present

A S YESTERDAY, Except *Philip Ludwell Esq^r,*

Met and Adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday

Friday August 30th

Present

A S YESTERDAY & *Philip Ludwell Esq^r*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Charles Carter* that they had Resolved upon preparing an Address to his Majesty, to represent the unhappy Situation of the Country &c. & to intreat his royal Favour & immediate Assistance towards the Defence of this Colony, in which they desired the Concurrence of this House, and had Appointed Six of their Members to join with such a Number of the Council, as their Honors shall think proper to Appoint, in Order to draw the same.

On the Question being put that this House Agree with the Burgeffes in Addressing his Majesty,

It passed in the Affirmative,

Resolved,

That this House agree with the Burgeffes in Addressing his Majesty.

Order'd,

That *John Blair, Richard Corbin, and Philip Ludwell Esq^s* be Appointed to join with the Burgeffes in preparing the said Address,

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes that this House agree to join with them in an Address to his Majesty and have Appointed three of their Members for that Purpose, who are ready in the Conference Room to meet the Gentlemen Appointed.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Pendleton* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to Dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Nathaniel West Dandridge Gentleman is Seised and for settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the same uses*, Which Bill was read the first Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a second Time and that the Parties have Notice to Attend to prove the Allegations.—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Power* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to impower Thomas Danfie to receive Ferriages for transporting Passengers to and from the Causeway opposite to his Land and for other purposes therein mentioned*.

Which Bill was read the first time

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately, Read accordingly a second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately, Read a third Time Accordingly—

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have Agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Nathaniel West Dandridge Gentleman is Seised &c.* the Parties Attending was read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a third Time Then the House Adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Saturday

Saturday August 31st 1754

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Carter* that they had Agreed upon an Address to his Majesty drawn by a Committee of the Council and Burgeffes to which they desire the Concurrence of this House. Which Address was read a first Time and

Ordered,

a second reading.—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they had passed a Resolve that the Sum of three hundred Pounds *per Annum* be Allowed to *William Hunter* printer from the End of this present Session to the End of the next Session of Assembly for his Salary as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inspectors Notes and Books printing Proclamations and other Acts of Government and all other public Services, To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.—

Which was read and Agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith—

Present The Governor.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor is now ready in the Council Chamber to receive the Address of their House.—

The Burgeffes accordingly Attending, the Speaker delivered the Address, Viz^t,
Sir,

We his Majesty's most Dutiful [See J. of H. of B., p. 198.]

To Which the Governor was pleased to return this Answer, Viz^t,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.—

I return you my sincere Thanks [See J. of H. of B., p. 200.]

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Nathaniel West Dandridge Gentleman is seized &c.*

Was read a third Time

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock on *Monday*

Monday September 2^d

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^r & Thomas Dawson Clk.*

The Address to his Majesty drawn by a Committee of both Houses,
Was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Address be Committed for Amendments.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter* and many others that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for raising the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds as for the Protection of his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony against the Insults and Encroachments of the French, and other purposes therein mentioned.*

Also

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Desertion and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council, which Bill was read the first Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a second Time

The Bill intituled *An Act for raising the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds &c.*

Was read the first Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately.—

Read accordingly a second Time. And an Amendment being proposed and disagreed to.

And the Question being put that the said Bill be read a third Time, *It passed in the Negative.*

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House, Adjourn'd til 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Tuesday September 3^d—

Present

AS YESTERDAY—

A Written message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter* and many others that On Consideration of a Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of the Upper part of the County of *Augusta* setting forth their unhappy Situation; That Several Indians have lately been discovered Lurking about and doing mischief to the People and that they were under dreadful Apprehensions of a Sudden Attack from the *French* and praying that some method might be taken for their immediate protection, & defence, The Burgesses have, Resolved, That their House already have provided for the safety and protection of the Frontiers of this Colony agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition, by passing a Bill Intituled "*An Act for raising the Sum of twenty Thousand pounds for the Protection of his Majestys Subjects in this Colony against the Insults and Incroachments of the French and for other purposes therein mentioned*" And I am, Ordered, to acquaint you of the said petition and Resolution and to desire you will Expedite the Passing the said Bill, and thereby relieve the People from their dreadful Apprehensions and prevent the Attempts of the *French*.—

The House immediately took the said Message into Consideration, and Resolved that the following Written Answer to be returned to it (viz^t)

Mr Speaker,

In Answer to the Message in Writing [See J. of H. of B., pp. 202-3.]

Ordered,

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgesses and deliver the said Message.—

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Landon Carter* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly*, to which they desire the concurrence of the Council.—

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately, Read according a third Time

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill—

Then the House, Adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Wednesday

Wednesday September 4th—

Prefent.

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill intituled *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Desertion &c.* Was read a second Time; and some Amendments being proposed and Agreed to at the Table,

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be read a third Time.—

Read accordingly a third Time with the Amendments.

Resolved,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be Agreed to.—

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Landon Carter* that they had passed a Resolve for paying the Several Officers of the General Assembly.

Which was read and Agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Charles Carter* that they had Agreed to one of the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Desertion* and disagreed to the others, and desired the Council would pass the Bill with the Amendment agreed to, and recede from their Amendments disagreed to.

The House immediately took the said Amendments into Consideration, and having gone thro' the same,

Resolved,

That this House insist on their Amendments disagreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council insist on their Amendments, and desire they will recede from their disagreement and pass the Bill with the Amendments.

Then the House, Adjourned til 11 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thursday September 5th

Prefent

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Philip Ludwell Esq^r & Thomas Dawson Clerk*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Charles Carter* that they insist upon their Disagreement to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Desertion &c* The House having reconsidered the said Amendments on the Question severally put on each Amendment.

Resolved,

That the House recede from one of the Amendments and adhere to the other.—

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes herewith—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Richard Bland* that they had sent up the inrolled Bills for their Inspection—

Ordered

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council are Satisfied the Bills are truly inrolled—

Present The Governor.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are Ready for his Assent.—

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, The Governor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, Viz^t, [For the Acts and Resolves passed at this session of the Assembly, see J. of H. of B., pp. 204 & 205.]

After which his Honor was pleased to make the following Speech, Viz^t

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The impending Danger [See J. of H. of B., p. 205.]

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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the College in the City of *Williamsburgh* on *Thursday* the twenty seventh day of *February* in the twenty fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France & Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *thursday* the *first day of May* in the twenty eighth year of his Majestys Reign and in the year of our Lord *One thousand seven hundred and fifty five* and then held in the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburgh*; being the sixth session of this Present General Assembly—

At a General Affembly fummoned to be held at the College in the City of *Williamsburgh* on *Thursday* the twenty feventh day of *February* in the twenty fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the fecond by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France & Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord one thousand feven hundred and fifty two and from thence continued by feveral Prorogations to *thursday* the *first day of May* in the twenty eighth year of his Majeftys Reign and in the year of our Lord *One thousand feven hundred and fifty five* and then held in the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburgh*; being the fixth* feffion of this Prefent General Affembly—

Thursday May the 1st 1755

Prefent

THE Governor, *William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley* Efqs, Mr Commiffary *Dawfon & William Byrd* Efq

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down and acquaint the Houfe of Burgefles that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber—

The Burgefles accordingly attending the Governor was pleafed to deliver the following Speech, to wit,

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgefles

By Directions from *Great Britain* [See J. of H. of B., 1752-1758, pp. 231-2.]

Then the Burgefles withdrew—

Abfent the Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk read the Governors Speech which was read Accordingly—

Resolved

That an humble Addrefs be prepared to return the Governor the fincere Thanks of this Houfe for his affectionate Speech and to affure his Honour that we will upon all Occafions give the moft Subftantial Evidence of our Duty and Gratitude to his Majefty for every Instance of his paternal Regard.—

And it was referd to *Thomas Nelson Richard Corbin* and *Philip Ludwell* Efqs to prepare and bring in the fame—

Then the Houfe Adjourned till Tomorrow. 12 O'Clock—

Friday

* Proceedings of the 5th feffion of this Affembly have not been found.

Friday May the 2^d—

Present

AS BEFORE—

Thomas Nelson Esq^r from the Committee appointed to draw an Address to the Governor reported that they had drawn the same accordingly, which being read & agreed to Was Ordered to be fairly transcribed—

Ordered

That the Gentlemen who drew the Address wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the same

Adjourned till Tomorrow 11 o'Clock—

Saturday May the 3^d

Present

AS BEFORE

Thomas Nelson Esq^r from the Committee Appointed to wait on the Governor reported that they had accordingly waited on his Honour who was pleased to tell them he wou'd receive the Address in the Council Chamber a Monday Morning

Adjourned till 11 o'Clock on Monday next—

Monday May the 5th

Present

THE Governor And as before

William Fairfax Esq^r on Behalf of the Council Delivered the following Address to his Honour, to wit,

To the Honorable Robert Dinwiddie Esq^r his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia

The humble Address of the Council—

Sir

We his Majestys Loyal and faithfull Subjects the Council of *Virginia* now met in General Assembly beg Leave to return your Honour our Sincere Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the opening of this Session, and from a Just Sense of the inestimable Blessings of his Majesty's Reign and the many repeated Marks of his Goodness, to assure your Honour of our Zeal upon all Occasions, to give the strongest and most Substantial Evidence, of our Duty and Gratitude to his Majesty, for every instance of his paternal Regard

The Forces which his Majesty has been Graciously pleased to send over to our Assistance is a fresh instance of his Royal Care; and from the Plan of Operations that has been wisely concerted and the known Bravery and experience of the Gentleman who is appointed to command. we may reasonably hope to see the Peace of *America* Settled upon a Foundation that will not be shaken for Ages yet to come.—

To drive the *French* from our Borders to maintain the just Rights of the Crown and to reestablish the Tranquillity of the *British* empire in *North America* are views that must warm the Patriots Breast, with these views *Sir* You have been animated, upon these Motives You have Acted, with that Ardor, Zeal, and Vigilance as cannot fail of Reflecting the most Lasting Honour upon your name & Character.

The

The Great and important Buſineſs of the *Ohio* we have allways conſidered in a National Light not as *Virginians* but as *Britons*, and what Difficulties will not a *Briton* Surmount what Dangers will he not encounter when he is engaged in the Glorious cauſe of his King and Country

As theſe, *Sir*, are our Sentiments we hope your Honour will be perſuaded of our ready and chearful Concurrence and of our hearty Endeavours, to do every thing on our part to promote his Majeſty's Service the Proſperity of this Colony and the Welfare of *America*—

To which his Honour was Pleaſed to return the following Anſwer, to wit,
Gentlemen of the Council—

I moſt heartily thank you for your kind and affectionate Addreſs, for your juſt Obſervation of his Majeſty's Goodneſs to us and your Zeal in the Diſcharge of your Duty to him, which I have always found moſt Sincere.

You may be aſſured it gives me great Satisfaction and Pleaſure that my Conduct meets with ſo much approbation from you, and for your ready concurrence and Aſſiſtance to me in the Diſcharge of my Duty, I deſire to return you my thanks.

Your conſidering the expedition to the *Ohio* in ſo General a view and your Determination to act as *Britons*, I Doubt not will have its proper Effect, in reſtoring Peace, and Supporting his Majeſty's undoubted Right to his Land on this Continent.—

Abſent the Governor—

On a Motion made and agreed to—

Reſolved,

That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Governor for his handſome and ornamental Preſent of his Majeſty's Arms to decorate the Capitol, And it was refer'd to *Philip Ludwell Eſq* to wait on the Governor and Preſent the ſame

Adjourned till Tomorrow 11 o'Clock—

Tuesday May the 6th

Preſent

A S BEFORE

Philip Ludwell Eſq reported that according to Order he had waited on the Governor and preſented to him the Thanks of this Houſe for his handſome and Ornamental Preſent of his Majeſty's Arms to decorate the Capitol, to which his Honour anſwered he ſhou'd be glad on all occaſions to do any thing Deſerving the thanks of the Council, and that met with their Approbation—

Adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Wednesday May the 7th—

Preſent

A S BEFORE—

Met & Adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Thursday May the 8th

Preſent

A S BEFORE

Adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Friday

Friday May the 9th

Present,

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^{rs} Mr Commiffary Dawson & William Byrd Esq^r—

Met and Adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Saturday May the 10th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^{rs} Mr Commiffary Dawson & William Byrd Esq^r—

Met and Adjourned till Monday 12 o'Clock

Monday May the 12th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^{rs} Mr Commiffary Dawson & William Byrd Esq^r—

Met and Adjourned till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow

Tuesday May the 13th

Present

AS YESTERDAY—

Met and Adjourned for want of Bufinefs till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow—

Wednesday May the 14th

Present

AS YESTERDAY—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Busbrode* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Present Vestry of the Parish of Cople and electing a new Vestry for the said Parish* to which they Desire the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time and that the Representatives for the County of *Westmoreland* attend to satisfy this House of the Truth of the Allegations of the said Bill,

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A Petition from the Justices of *Frederick* County praying that the Sherifs Fees may be enlarged on account of the Extensiveness of the County the Great Distance the Inhabitants are settled from each other, and his extraordinary Trouble.—

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go Down and acquaint the House of Burgesses that, the Council refer the said Petition to the Consideration of their House—
Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Thursday May the 15th

Present

A S YESTERDAY

The Bill for Dissolving the present Vestry of the Parish of *Cople* and electing a new Vestry for the said Parish, the Members of *Westmoreland* Attending; was read a second Time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third time *it pafs'd in the Affirmative*—.

Resolved

That the said Bill be read a third time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time—

And on the Question put that the said Bill be agreed to *it pafs'd in the Affirmative*—

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

Then the House upon a Motion made and Agreed to, Adjourned till *Wednesday* 12 o'Clock—

Wednesday May the 21st

Present

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r *Charles Carter* that they had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for Dividing the Parishes of Saint Paul and Saint Martin in the County of Hanover* to which they Desired the Concurrence of the Council, which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately, Read accordingly a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r *Thomas Harrison* that they had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for Dividing the County of Prince William* to which they desired the Concurrence of this House, which Bill was read the first Time.—

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r *West* that they had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for reviving An Act intituled An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of Alexandria* to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

which Bill was read the first Time,

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately, Read accordingly a second Time

Ordered

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately. Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill

Then the House Adjourned till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow—

Thursday May the 22^d—.

Present.

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that they had pass'd a Resolve that the Sum of three hundred pounds *per Annum* be allowed to *William Hunter* Printer from the End of this present Session to the next Session of Assembly for his Salary as a full Recompence for printing and Delivering Inspectors Notes and Books printing Proclamations and other Acts of Government and all other Public Services, to which they Desire the Concurrence of this House, which Resolve was read & agreed to,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith— The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of Prince William*, was read a second Time, And on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third Time it pass'd in the Negative

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected—

Then the House Adjourned till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow—

Friday May the 23^d

Present

A S BEFORE

Met and Adjourned till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow—

Saturday May the 24th

Present

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Riddick* That they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the upper Parish in the County of Nanfemond*, to which they Desire the Concurrence of this House—

Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately, Read accordingly a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately, Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down & acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill

Then the House Adjourned till 12 o'Clock on *Monday*—

Monday May the 26th

Present

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S BEFORE

Met and Adjourned till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow

Tuesday May the 27th

Present

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S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Lomax* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for prohibiting the Inspectors of Tar Pitch and Turpentine from purchasing such Commodities,*

Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

Read a second Time, And an amendment being proposed and agreed to,

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time with the amendment—

Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *West* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of Fairfax,* which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors and for other purposes therein mentioned*

Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered,

that the said Bill be read a second Time

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Briggs* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Andrew, in the County of Brunswick and electing a new Vestry in the said Parish—*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of Princefs Anne and Norfolk to pay their Public Dues in Money,* to which they desire [the concurrence] of the Council—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Landon Carter* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for reviving An Act intituled An Act for preserving the Breed of Sheep* to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council—

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The Bill intituled *An Act for deviding the County of Fairfax*, was read a second Time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third Time *it passed in the Negative*
Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected—

The Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Andrew in the County of Brunswick*, was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time & that the Parties attend to prove the Allegations—

The Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of Princess Anne & Norfolk to pay their public Dues in money*, was read the first Time,

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

The Bill intituled *An Act for reviving An Act intituled An Act for preserving the Breed of Sheep*, was read the first Time.

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be committed for Amendments

The Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Andrew in the County of Brunswick* the Parties Attending was read a second Time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council,

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third time immediately

Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeses therewith.—

The Bill intituled *An Act for reviving An Act intituled An Act for preserving the Breed [of] Sheep*, was read a second Time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third Time *it passed in the Affirmative*

Resolved

That the said Bill be read a third time immediately.—

Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down & acquaint the House of Burgeses therewith—

The Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of Princess [Anne] and Norfolk to pay their Public Dues in Money* was read a second Time—and an Amendment being proposed & agreed to—

Ordered

That the said Bill with the amendment be read a third Time immediately.—

Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to,

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with an Amendment and defire their Concurrence thereto,

Then the Houfe Adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock,

Wednefday May the 28th

Present

AS BEFORE

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions & for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors and for other Purpofes therein mentioned* was read a third time with an Amendment and on the Queftion put that the faid Bill be agreed to as amended *it pafs'd in the Affirmative—*

Resolved

That the faid Bill with the Amendment be Agreed to.—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down and Acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with an Amendment and defire their Concurrence thereto—

The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Parifhes of Saint Paul and Saint Martin in the County of Hanover* was read a third Time and on the Queftion put that the faid Bill be agreed to *it paffed in the Negative—*

Resolved

That the faid Bill be rejected—

Then the Houfe Adjourned till *Monday Morning* next. 12 o'Clock

Monday June the 2^d

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^r & M^r Commiffary Dawson

Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down with the following Meffage to the Houfe of Burgeffes

As I underftand that a Recefs at this Time [See J. of H. of B., p. 276.]

Absent The Governor—

Then the Houfe Adjourned according to the Governors Order to *Tuesday* the twenty fourth of this month.

Tuesday

Tuesday June the 24th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^{rs} & Mr Commissary Dawson

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Waller that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for employing and better maintaining the poor*, which Bill was read the first time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second time

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Lomax that they had agreed to the amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for prohibiting the Inspectors of Tar Pitch and Turpentine from purchasing such Commodities*

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow

Wednesday June the 25th

Present

AS BEFORE—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Charles Carter that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige Persons who bring Tobacco and other Goods to Wexham to pay Storage for the same*—And that they disagree to the amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of Princefs Anne & Norfolk to pay their Public Dues in Money*, and desire the Council will pass the Bill without the Amendment—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Attorney that they had agreed to one of the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions & for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors and for other purposes therein mentioned*, and disagreed to the other, & desired the Council wou'd pass the Bill with the Amendment agreed to & recede from the amendment disagreed to—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Bland that they had sent up such Bills as were inrolled for their Honours Inspection

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied the Bills are truly inrolled

Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance and that they bring with them such Bills as are ready for his Assent— The Burgeffes accordingly attending the Governor was pleased to Give his Assent to the following Bills, to wit—

An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the upper Parish in the County of Nansemond

An Act for dissolving the present Vestry of the Parish of Cople and electing a new Vestry for the said Parish—

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent The Governor

The House took into Consideration the Amendments to the Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief*

Relief of Insolvent Debtors *and for other purposes therein mentioned* and having gone thro' the same, on the Question put receded from their Amendment Disagreed to by the House of Burgeffes—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith—

The House took into Consideration their Amendment to the Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of Princefs Anne and Norfolk to pay their Public Dues in Money*, and on the Question put infisted on their Amendment—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council infist on their Amendment & desire they will recede from their Disagreement and pass the Bill as amended—

The Bill intituled *An Act to Oblige Persons who bring Tobacco and other Goods to Wexham to pay Storage for the same*, was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second time immediately—

Read accordingly a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third time immediately, Read a third Time accordingly

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith

The Bill intituled *An Act for employing & better maintaining the poor*,—
was read a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately Read accordingly a third time—

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any amendment—

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow.—

June the 26th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell & William Beverley Esq^{rs}

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Attorney that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing so much of the Act of Assembly intituled An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Mississippi as relates to the raising & imposing collecting & paying the Duties therein mentioned*—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Riddick that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the Relief of those persons who were Sufferers in the Loss of the Records of the County of Nansemond whose cases have Not already been provided for*—

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing so much of the Act of Assembly intituled An Act for the Encouragement & protection of the Settlers upon the waters of the Mississippi as relates to the raising and imposing collecting & paying the Duties therein mentioned*, was read the first Time and

Ordered

Ordered,
a second Reading

The Bill intituled *An Act for the Relief of those Persons who were Sufferers in the Loss of the Records of the County of Nanfemond whose cases have not already been provided for* was read a first Time—

Ordered

a second reading and that the Members of *Nanfemond* attend to prove the Allegations—

The Members attending the said Bill was read a second Time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council was Ordered to be read a third Time immediately, Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any amendment;

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow

June the 27th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell & William Beverley Esq^{rs}

A Message from the House of Burgeses by M^r Charles Carter that they had receded from their disagreement to the amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of Princess [Anne] & Norfolk to pay their Public Dues in Money.*—

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing so much of the Act of Assembly intituled An Act for the Encouragement & Protection of the Settlers upon the waters of the Mississippi as relates to the raising and imposing collecting & paying the Duties therein mentioned*, was read the second time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be committed for amendments in [it] pass'd in the Negative

Resolved

That the said Bill be read a third time immediately, Read accordingly a third Time—

Resolved.

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill without any amendment—

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow Morning.—

June the 28th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell & William Beverley Esq^{rs}

A Message from the House of Burgeses by M^r Charles Carter that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the further amending the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, which Bill was read the first Time.—

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second time immediately—

Read

Read accordingly a second Time, and on the Question that the said Bill be committed for Amendments *it pafs'd in the Affirmative*—

Resolved

That the said Bill be committed for Amendments

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland* that they had pafs'd a Bill intituled *an Act for erecting the County of Prince Edward into a distinct Parish and for other purposes therein mentioned*, which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

Then the House Adjourned till *Monday 11 o'Clock*

Monday June the 30th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^r, Mr Commissary Dawson & William Byrd Esq

The Bill intituled *An Act for the further amending the Act intituled an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, was read a third Time with amendments and on the Question put that the said Bill as amended be agreed to *it pafs'd in the Affirmative*—

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto

The Bill intituled *an Act for erecting the County of Prince Edward into a distinct Parish and for other Purposes therein mentioned*—was read a second Time and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to—

Ordered

That the said Bill with the Amendment be read a third Time immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time with the Amendment

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow

Tuesday July the 1st

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland* that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for erecting the County of Prince Edward into a distinct Parish and for other Purposes therein mentioned*—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *an Act for the further amending the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*—

Also

Also that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for raising the Sum of six Thousand Pounds by a Lottery for the further Protection of his Majestys Subjects against the Insults & Encroachments of the French*, which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

A Message from the House of Burgeses by Mr Attorney that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to confirm and establish an Agreement made between William Withers and Augustine Washington and for other purposes therein mentioned*, Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time and that the Parties attend to prove the Allegations thereof

The Parties attending the said Bill was read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and an Amendment proposed and Agreed to

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately with the Amendment
Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow

Wednesday July the 2^d

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^{rs}, Mr Commissary Dawson & William Byrd Esq.—

Met & Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow—

Thursday July the 3^d

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the House of Burgeses that they had pass'd the Book of Claims to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

The Bill intituled *An Act for raising the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds by a Lottery for the Protection of his Majesty's Subjects against the Insults & Encroachments of the French*,

Was read a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately, Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill

The Book of Claims was read and agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeses therewith—

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow—

Friday

Friday July 4th

Present

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Secretary of this Colony to sell certain Lands therein mentioned*, which Bill was read a first Time and Ordered a second Reading—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Tucker* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for laying an Additional Duty on Rum and other distilled Spirits not being of the produce of his Majesty's Sugar Islands*

Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

The Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Secretary of this Colony to sell certain Lands therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, and the Allegations thereof being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council—

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately. Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

The Bill intituled *An Act for laying an Additional Duty on Rum and other distilled Spirits not being of the produce of his Majesty's Sugar Islands* was read a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately. Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down & acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow

Saturday July the 5th

Present

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Landon Carter* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to explain An Act intituled An Act for raising the Sum of Twenty Thousand pounds for the Protection of his Majesty's Subjects against the Inults and Encroachments of the French and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered

To be read a second Time

And Then the House Adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o'Clock

Monday July the 7th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^{rs} & Mr Commissary Dawson

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they agreed to the amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to confirm and establish an Agreement made between William Withers and Augustine Washington and for other purposes therein mentioned*—

A

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Pendleton* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries*—

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for this present Session of Affembly*, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The Bill intituled *An Act to explain An Act intituled An Act for raising the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds for the Protection of his Majestys Subjects against the Insults and Encroachments of the French and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately

Read accordingly a third Time and on the Question put that the said Bill be agreed to it pass'd in the Affirmative

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries* was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for this present Session of Affembly* was read a first Time and Ordered a second Reading—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in Bollings Point Warehouse in the County of Dinwiddie* to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries* was read a second Time, and an Amendment being Propos'd and agreed to

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time with the amendment, Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto

The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for this present Session of Affembly*—

was read a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith

The Bill intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in Bollings Point Warehouse in the County of Dinwiddie* was read a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill

Then the House Adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow

Tuesday July 8th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Beverley Esq^s, Mr Commiffary Dawson & William Byrd Esq*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Pendleton* that they disagree to the Amendment Propofed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for appointing feveral new Ferries*, and desire they will agree to the Bill without the Amendment—

The House immediately took the said Amendment under Consideration, and on the Question put receded from the same—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Ruffin* that they had pafs'd the Book of Proportions to which they desired the Concurrence of this House

Which was read and agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the Book of Proportions—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Ruffin* that they had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for Laying a Public Levy*—

Which was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately

Read accordingly a second Time and Ordered a third reading immediately Read a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Lomax* that they had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing Pilots and regulating their Fees*

Which Bill was read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately, Read a second Time

And an Amendment being propofed & agreed to

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time with the amendment, Read a third Time with the amendment

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an amendment & desire their Concurrence thereto

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Lomax* that they agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Bill intituled *An Act for establishing Pilots and Regulating their Fees*

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow 11 O'Clock

Wednesday July the 9th

Present

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Pendleton* that they had sent up the inrolled Bills for their Honours Inspection

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council are Satisfied the Bills are truly inrolled

Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills as are ready for his Assent,

The Burgeffes accordingly attending The Governor was pleased to Give his Assent to the following Bills, to wit, [Here follow titles of 22 Acts, also a Resolution and the Governor's Speech. See J. of H. of B., pp. 293-294.]

A true Copy

N: Walihoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the College in the City of *Williamsburgh* on *Thursday* the twenty seventh day of *February* in the twenty fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France & Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty two and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Monday* the twenty seventh day of *October* in the twenty ninth year of his Majesty's Reign and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty five and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburgh* being the eighth Session of this Present General Assembly.—

At a General Affembly Summoned to be held at the College in the City of *Williamsburgh* on *Thursday* the twenty feventh day of *February* in the twenty fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the fecond by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord One thoufand feven hundred and fifty two and from thence continued by feveral Prorogations to *Monday* the twenty feventh day of *October* in the twenty ninth year of his Majefty's Reign and in the year of our Lord One thoufand feven hundred and fifty five and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburgh* being the eighth * Seffion of this Prefent General Affembly.—

Monday October the 27th. 1755

Prefent

THE Governor, *William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Beverley, Philip Ludwell* Efqs, Mr Commiffary *Dawfon & William Byrd* Efqr

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Governor Commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly Attending the Governor was Pleafed to make the following Speech, to wit,

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker & Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes

I fhould gladly have fpared [See J. of H. of B., 1752-1758, pp. 319-320.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent, The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk read the Governors Speech Read accordingly—

Resolved

That an humble Addrefs be prepared to return the Governor the Sincere and hearty Thanks of this Houfe for his affectionate Speech, To exprefs our true Senfe of the Defencelefs Situation of our Frontiers to Affure his Honour we will heartily join with the Houfe of Burgeffes in all fuch Meafures as fhall be thought moft Conducive to the Public Good, and to Acknowledge his unwearied Attention to his Majefty's Service and the Prosperity of this Country

Ordered

That *Thomas Nelson Philip Ludwell* Efqs Mr Commiffary, and *William Byrd* Efqr be appointed to prepare and bring in the fame

Then the Houfe Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10, O'Clock—

Tuesday

* No Proceedings of the Council have been found for the 7th feffion of this Affembly.

Tuesday October the 28th

Present,

A S BEFORE

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared an Address to the Governor, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows, to wit,

To the Honble Robert Dinwiddie Esq his Majestys Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

The humble Address of the Council

Sir

We his Majestys most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia* now met in General Assembly return your Honour our sincere and hearty thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session.

As we are truly sensible of the defenceless Situation of our Frontiers and the great Danger the back Inhabitants are exposed to, from the shocking Barbarities of a cruel and inhuman Enemy, we will exert our utmost indeavours to prevent the spreading of an Evil that would tend to depopulate our Country

To this End we will, with all the Ardor and Dispatch that the Importance of the Subject requires, Join with the House of Burgeesses in such Measures as shall be thought most conducive to quiet the Minds and secure the Persons and Properties of those unhappy Sufferers.

Our Natural Attachment to the Welfare and Prosperity of our Country will make us disregard every Trouble we meet with in her Service, and we should be Guilty of the highest ingratitude, if we did not acknowledge your Honours unwearied Diligence and Attention to the same Cause during the whole Course of your Administration which has been a continued Scene of Hurry and Fatigue.—

Ordered

That the said Address be fairly Transcribed

Ordered,

That the Members who drew the same wait on the Governor to know when he'll be pleased to receive the same.—

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10. o'Clock—

Wednesday October the 29th

Present

A S BEFORE

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen according to Order had waited on the Governor to know when he wou'd be pleased to receive the Address of this House, to which his Honour Answer'd he'd receive the same at 10. o'Clock Tomorrow morning in the Council Chamber

Present The Governor

William Fairfax Esq^r in Behalf of the Council delivered their Address to his Honour to which he was Pleased to return the following Answer to wit,

Gentlemen of the Council

It is with great Pleasure I receive your kind and affectionate Address for which I return my most cordial and sincere Thanks. I have no Doubt but in Time we shall Vanquish and overcome the Designs of our most inhuman Enemies, when I consider with what Resolution and Spirit you Incline to Join with the House of Burgeesses in so Necessary and just Affairs recommended to them,

The Fatigue and Care I have hitherto Taken for the Service of his Majesty and this Country, is most agreeable to me, when I have your Approbation of what is done And your kind Promises of Assistance in what hereafter may be proper for these Salutary Ends.—

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock—

Thursday

Thursday October the 30th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Beverley, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary Dawson & William Byrd Esq^r—
Met and Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11, O'Clock.—

Friday October the 31st

Present

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Bland that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to Discharge their Tobacco Debts in Money, for this present year—*

Which Bill was read the first Time and—

Ordered

a second Reading—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Bland that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled an Act for Amending An Act intituled An Act for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections*

Which Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered

a second Reading immediately—

Read accordingly a second Time and

Ordered

to be Committed for Amendments—

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11. O'Clock—

Saturday November the 1st

Present

A S BEFORE

Met and Adjourned till Monday Morning 11. O'Clock

Monday November. the 3^d

Present

A S BEFORE

The Bill intituled *An Act to Amend An Act intituled An Act for amending An Act intituled An Act for making Provision against Invasions & Insurrections*, was read a third Time with Amendments

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their Concurrence

The Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to Discharge their Tobacco Debts in Money for this present year*,

Was read a second Time

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately, Read a third Time accordingly

Resolved

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk go and Acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend An Act intituled An Act for preventing and repelling the hostile Incursions of the Indians at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony, Which Bill was read the first Time &*

Ordered,

to be read a second Time immediately

Read a second Time Accordingly

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately, Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to,

Ordered

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for settling the Rents of the Public Warehouses & Inspectors Salaries for this present Year—*

Which Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered

a second Reading—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they Disagree to the Amendments Proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for Amending An Act intituled An Act for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections* and desire the Council will recede from their Amendments—

The Council Immediately took the said Amendments under Consideration, And on the Question put severally on each, receded from one and insisted upon the rest—

Ordered

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith and desire them to recede from their Disagreement to the Amendments to the said Bill insisted upon by the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for settling the Rents of the Public Warehouses and Inspectors Salaries for this present Year*, was read a second Time

Ordered

to be read a third Time immediately

Read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they have receded from their Disagreement to some of the Amendments Proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for Amending An Act intituled An Act for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections*, and insisted on their Disagreement to others, and Desire the Council will pass the Bill with the Amendments agreed to.—

The Council having reconsidered their said Amendments on the Question put, receded from the Amendments to which the Burgeffes insisted on their Disagreement

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11, O'Clock

Tuesday

(1155)

Tuesday November the 4th

Present

A S BEFORE

Met and Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11, o'Clock

Wednesday November the 5th

Present

A S BEFORE

Met and Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11. o'Clock

Thursday November the 6th

Present,

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Wythe* that they had pass'd a Refolve for Allowing *William Hunter* Printer the Sum of three hundred pounds *per Annum* from the End of this Present Session to the next Session of Assembly for his Salary as a full Recompence for Printing and Delivering Inspectors Notes & Books printing Proclamations & other Acts of Government and all other Public Services.—

Which Refolve was Read and Agreed to.—

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11. O'Clock—

Friday November the 7th

Present

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the better collecting the Land and Poll Tax*, Also a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages out of the Treasury for this Session of Assembly*.

Which Bills were read the first Time

Ordered

That the said Bills be read a second Time immediately—

Read a second Time and

Ordered

a third reading immediately—

Read accordingly a third Time—

Resolved.

That the said Bills be agreed to—

Ordered

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bills—

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11. o'Clock—

Saturday

Saturday November. the 8th

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin, William Beverley, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary Dawson & William Byrd Esq^r—*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Lomax* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for supplying the Deficiencies of the several Funds for the Protection of this Colony against the Encroachments and Depradations of the French and Indians and for advancing and securing the Public Credit—*

Which Bill was read the first Time

And on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second Time *it pass'd in the Negative*

Resolved.

That the said Bill be Rejected—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Carter Burwell* that they had pass'd a Resolve that the sum of One hundred and twenty pounds seven shillings and eight Pence be paid to *Lewis Burwell* and *Nathaniel Burwell* Executors of *Armistead Burwell* deceased by the Treasurer out of the Public Money in his hands to reimburse the said *Armistead Burwell's* Estate for the Charge of an Organ purchased by him for the Church in the City of *Williamsburg* in Pursuance of An Act of Assembly pass'd at a former Session Over and above what he received for that Purpose—

Which Resolve was read and agreed to—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Waller* that they had pass'd a Resolve for paying the several Officers of the Assembly, Which Resolve was read and agreed to,

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolves,

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Pendleton* that they had sent up the inrolled Bills and Resolves to be inspected by the Council

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council are Satisfied the Bills are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor Commands the immediate Attendance of their House and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent,

The Burgeffes accordingly attending the Governor was Pleased to Give his Assent to the following Bills to wit, [For the six Acts and three Resolves passed at this session of the Assembly, see J. of H. of B., pp. 331-32.]

Then the Governor was pleased to express himself in these Words, to wit,
Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes—

I think it for his Majesty's Service and the Good of the Country, that this Assembly should be Dissolved, and you are Dissolved accordingly

A true Copy

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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 25th Day of *March* in the xxixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c. and in the Year of our Lord MDCCLVI: And from thence continued by several Prorogations, to *Thursday* the 14th of *April* M.D.C.C.L.V.I.I; in the xxxth Year of His Majesty's Reign; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the third Session of this present General Assembly.---

At a General Affembly Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 25th Day of *March* in the xxixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c. and in the Year of our Lord MDCCLVI: And from thence continued by several Prorogations, to *Thursday* the 14th of *April* M.D.C.C.L.V.I.I; in the xxxth Year of His Majesty's Reign; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the third* Seflion of this present General Affembly.---

Thursday April 14th 1757.

Present

THE Governor, *William Fairfax, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}*
Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleased to deliver the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The general Welfare making . . . [See J. of H. of B., 1752-1758, pp. 413-414.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

The Governor delivered to the House a Letter from his Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, directed to the Gentlemen of the Council, M^r *Speaker*, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes, dated at *Philadelphia* the 25th of *March* last.

Absent The Governor

Order'd,

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech,

Which was read accordingly.

Resolved,

That an humble Addrefs be prepared to return the Governor the sincere Thanks of this House for his affectionate Speech, and to assure his Honor of our ready and chearful Concurrence, in every Measure conducive to maintain the just Rights and Prerogatives of the Crown, to support the Credit of our Country, and to protect our Inhabitants on the Frontiers, from the Insults of the *French* and their Indians.

Ordered

* No Proceedings of the Council have been found for the first and second seshions of this Affembly.

Order'd,

That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to the Governor, pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is referr'd to *Richard Corbin Philip Ludwell Lee*, and *John Tayloe Esq^{rs}*, to prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered.

That the Clerk read Lord *Loudoun's* Letter, and the same being read,

Order'd.

That the Clerk go down, and deliver the said Letter to the House of Burgeesses.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday April 15th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, Mr Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}*

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Address to the Governor, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows;

Sir,

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, beg Leave to return your Honor our sincere Thanks, for your kind and affectionate Speech, at the Opening of this Session, The many great and interesting Events that have happened during your Administration, the Toil and Labor that you have undergone, in the Service of your King and Country, were never experienced by any of your Predecessors. When you retire from the Fatigue of Business, You will feel the Satisfaction arising from your past Conduct, and the Virtues of the good Citizen will then stand eminently distinguished, and receive a Lustre from your public Character.

To maintain the just Rights and Prerogatives of the Crown, to support the public Credit of our Country, and to protect our Back-Inhabitants from the cruel Insults of the *French* and their Indians, are Objects worthy of the most serious Attention. And as we have upon all Occasions, been animated with the warmest Zeal for the Honor of the best of Kings, and the Prosperity of this Colony, We assure your Honor of our ready and chearful Concurrence in every Measure that is conducive to these great and salutary purposes.

Order'd,

That the said Address be fairly transcribed.

Ordered,

That the Committee who prepared the same, wait on the Governor to know when his Honor will be pleased to receive the same.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow 11 o'Clock.

Saturday April 16th, 1757.

Present

AS BEFORE.

Richard Corbin Esq^r, reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of the House, and that his Honor appointed this Morning in the Council Chamber.

Present The Governor.

William Fairfax Esq^r in Behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Honor was pleased to return the following Answer;

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my most sincere Thanks for your kind and affectionate Address. Your tender Obfervance of the great Fatigues that have attended my Administration, and your Wishes for my Happiness, when retired from the Hurry of public Business, raises in me a true, sincere, and grateful Respect, for your continued Regard for me. No Retirement can obliterate the Esteem I shall always retain for your generous Zeal for His Majesty's Service and the Good of our Country. Continue, *Gentlemen*, in these just Dispositions, and I doubt not of the Blessing of Heaven on your chearful Concurrence in any Measures conducive to the Support and Protection of the Rights of the best of Kings, and the Safety of our Lives and Fortunes.

Absent The Governor.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* 11 o'Clock.

Monday, April 18th, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.

The House having no Business adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday, April 19th, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.

Upon a Motion made, it was

Resolved,

That an humble Address be made to his Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, to return his Lordship the Thanks of this House for his obliging Letter to the Council and House of Burgesses and to assure his Lordship that we are fully determined to exert ourselves in the present perilous Conjunction in a Manner agreeable to His Majesty, and answerable to his Lordship's Expectations.

Order'd,

That a Committee be appointed to draw up the said Address, and it is referr'd to *Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, and John Tayloe Esq^{rs}* to prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday, April 20th, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.

The House met and adjourned till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Thursday, April 21st, 1757.

Present,

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r*

Met and adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday

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Friday, April 22^d, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.
Met and adjourned till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday, April 23^d, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.
Met and adjourned till 11 o'Clock on *Monday*.

Monday, April 25th, 1757.

MET and adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Tuesday April 26th, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.
A Petition of the People called *Quakers*, praying to be exempted from appearing at Mufters, and from all other military Service, was read.
Order'd,
That the faid Petition be referr'd to the Confideration of the Houfe of Burgefles.
Order'd,
That the Clerk of the General Affembly carry it down and acquaint the Houfe of Burgefles therewith.
Richard Corbin Efqr reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to Order drawn an Addrefs to his Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, which Addrefs was read and agreed to.
Order'd,
That the faid Addrefs be fairly tranfcribed for the Prefident to fign in Behalf of the Council.
Then the Houfe adjourned till 11 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wednesday, April 27th, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.
The Houfe having no Bufinefs, adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Thursday, April 28th, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.
Met and adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday

Friday, April 29th, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.

Met and adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday, April 30th, 1757.

Present

A S BEFORE.

Met and adjourn'd till *Monday Morning* 11 o'Clock.

Monday, May 2^d, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r*

Met and adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Tuesday, May 3^d, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}*

Met and adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Wednesday, May 4th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by M^r *George Fairfax*, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of Fairfax*, which Bill was read the first Time.

Order'd,

That the second reading of the said Bill be deferr'd till *Tuesday Sennight*.

Then the House adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Thursday, May 5th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, Esq^r*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Willis Riddick*, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower William Rand to build a Bridge over Pagan Creek, and for other Purposes therein mention'd*

Alfo

Alfo a Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower Lemuel Riddick to clear Summerton Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgefles by Mr *Nafh*, that they had pafs'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Parifh of Cumberland in the County of Lunenburg*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgefles by Mr *Philip Johnson*, that they had pafs'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Veftry of the Parifh of Stratton-Major in the County of King and Queen to fell their Glebe, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgefles by Mr *Benjamin Harrifon Junr* that they had pafs'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act intituled An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum and other diftilled Spirits not being of the Produce of His Majefty's Sugar-Iflands*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

All which Bills were read the firft Time.

Ordered,

That the faid Bills be read a fecond Time.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgefles by Mr *Charles Carter*, that they had pafs'd a Refolve for allowing *Thomas Stephens* £100. to difcover the Method of making Pot-Afh, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which refolve was read and agreed to by this Houfe.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgefles that the Council have agreed to the faid Refolve.

Then the Houfe adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Friday, May 6th, 1757.

Preſent

A S YESTERDAY.

Met and adjourn'd till 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday, May 7th, 1757.

Preſent

A S YESTERDAY.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower William Rand to build a Bridge over Pagan Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a fecond Time.

Order'd,

That the faid Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly a third Time.

Refolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower Lemuel Riddick to clear Summerton Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a fecond Time.

Order'd,

That the faid Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Refolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Parifh of Cumberland in the County of Lunenburg*, was read a fecond Time.

Order'd

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Vestry of the Parish of Stratton-Major in the County of King and Queen to sell their Glebe, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for laying an Additional Duty on rum and other distilled Spirits not being of the Produce of His Majesty's Sugar Islands*, was read a second Time—

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry down the said Five Bills, and acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to them all, without any Amendment.

Then the House adjourn'd till *Monday* Sen'night.

Monday, May 16th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by M^r Charles Carter, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing several new Ferries and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

Also a Bill, intituled *An Act for preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves*.

Also a Resolve for allowing William Hunter Printer £300. *per Annum* for the Services therein mentioned, to which Bills and Resolve they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled, *An Act for appointing several new Ferries and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and

Order'd,

to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time, and ordered a third Reading immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly the third Time read.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled, *An Act for preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

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The Refolve for allowing *William Hunter* Printer £300. *per Annum*, for the Services therein mentioned, was read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills, and the Refolve.

Then the House adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, May 17th, 1757.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter*, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia.*

Also a Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Justices of the County of Norfolk to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the said County.*

Also a Bill, intituled, *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of St Paul in the County of Stafford*, to which Bills they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney*, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing and amending an Act, intituled An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.*

Also a Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower Armistead Churchill Gent, to sell and dispose of certain intailed Lands*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Harrison Junr* that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Assembly therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bills were severally read the first Time, and

Order'd

to be read a second Time.

Order'd

That the Parties Attend, to prove the Allegations in the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower Armistead Churchill Gent. to sell and dispose of certain intailed Lands.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of Fairfax*, was read a second Time, and on the Question put, that the said Bill be read a third Time,

It pass'd in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time, and on the Question put, that the said Bill be agreed to,

It pass'd in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Justices of the County of Norfolk to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the said County*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of St Paul in the County of Stafford*, was read a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Assembly, therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Four Bills.

Then the House adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wednesday, May 18th 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, Esq^r

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower Armistead Churchill, Gent, to sell and dispose of certain intailed Lands*, was read a second Time, and, the Allegations being proved, to the Satisfaction of the Council, and some Amendments proposed and agreed to, was ordered to be read a third Time with the Amendments.

The said Bill was read the third Time with the Amendments.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended, be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourn'd till 10 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thursday, May 19th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Charles Carter, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Dettingen, in the County of Prince-William*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time

Then the House adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday

(1168)

Friday, May 20th, 1757.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney*, that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower Armistead Churchill Gent to sell and dispose of certain intailed Lands.*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain an Act intituled, Vestrys appointed, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Dettingen, in the County of Prince William*, was read a second Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be committed for Amendments.

Then the House adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Saturday, May 21st 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^r

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain an Act, intituled, Vestries appointed*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Dettingen in the County of Prince-William*, was read a third Time, with Amendments.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended, be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the first of the said Bills without any Amendment, and to the other with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock on Monday.

Monday, May 23^d, 1757,

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia*, was read a second Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be committed to Philip Ludwell and Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^r for Amendments.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday

Tuesday, May 24th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^r, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

Met and adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.—

Wednesday, May 25th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

Met and adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday, May 26th 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r Pendleton, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Sufferers by Tobacco burnt in Crutchfield's and Pitt's Warehouses, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly the second Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a third Time.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r Attorney, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of Williamsburg and Borough of Norfolk,* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly the second Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be committed for Amendments.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r Landon Carter that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act,* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a second Time.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r Archibald Cary, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing and repelling the hostile Incurfions of the Indians at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony,* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a second Time.

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Sufferers by Tobacco burnt in Crutchfield's and Pitts Warehouses, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled, *An Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act*, was read the second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing and repelling the hostile Incurfions of the Indians at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be read the third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the three last mentioned Bills.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday, May 27th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Charles Carter, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act, to impower the Vestry of the Parish of St George in the County of Spotfylvania, to sell their Glebe, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly the second Time.

Ord^d

that the 1st Bill be read a 3^d Time immed^y.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r John Nicholas, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of Albemarle, and Parish of St Anne, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*—

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time, and on the Question put, that the said Bill be read the third Time,

It pass'd in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

The

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia*, was read a third Time, with Amendments.

Resolved,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with the Amendments, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter*, that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Dettigen in the County of Prince William*.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'clock.

Saturday, May 28th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

The Bill to enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of *Williamsburg* and Borough of *Norfolk*, was read the third Time, with Amendments

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill, with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Charles Carter*, and others, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Defence of the Colony, in this Time of Danger, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday, May 30th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^r, Mr Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Pendleton*, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in Thomas Turner Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a second Time, and that the Parties attend to prove the Allegations.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Landon Carter*, that they had agreed to one of the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia*, and disagreed to the rest, and desired they would recede from the said Amendments, and pass the Bill with the Amendment agreed to.

The Council immediately considered the Amendments, and on the Question put severally on each, receded from the same.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes therewith—

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in Thomas Turner Gentleman in Fee-Simple, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses*, the Parties attending, was read the second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, was ordered to be read a third Time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses therewith—

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Defence of the Colony in this Time of Danger, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday, May 3rd, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Defence of the Colony, in this Time of Danger, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time, and the Question being put, that the said Bill be agreed to, the Council were equally divided, and the Bill fell of Course.

Dissentient.

1. Because we conceive the Bill to be calculated for the Security of the Colony, and Ease of the People, who having on every Occasion, distinguished themselves as faithful Subjects, by contributing even beyond their Abilities, towards the supporting and maintaining His Majesty's undoubted Rights, justly merit the Indulgence of the Legislature.

2. Because by the rejecting this Bill, the Arrears due for the Pay and Subsistence of the Soldiers, amounting at least to Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, will be unsatisfied, and they must be immediately disbanded, and thereby this Colony left in a most defenceless Condition, exposed to the Ravages and Incurfions of a cruel and barbarous Enemy.

3. Because the Plan of Operations concerted for the general Defence of the *British* Colonies, which has been laid before the General Assembly, warmly recommended by the Earl of *Loudoun*, and strongly enforced by one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, will, as far as this Colony is concern'd, be defeated; and the Soldiers already embarked for *South Carolina* in pursuance of that Plan, must necessarily be recalled, there being no Provision made, either for their Transportation or Pay.

4. Because the Objection that there is no Fund appropriated by this Bill for redeeming the Notes to be issued thereby, within the Term of five years can be of no Force, as it is founded upon an Act of Parliament pass'd in the xxivth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, for regulating and restraining Paper Bills of Credit in His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations of *Rhode Island, Providence, Connecticut, the Massachusetts Bay, and New Hampshire in America*, which seems to be intended to correct Abuses in the Emission of a Paper Currency in those Colonies only, neither the Provinces of *New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, or Carolina* being included therein, in all which there were at that Time, Paper Currencies subsisting. And if we resolve to give that Act, which
does

does not in any Manner affect this Colony, its full Force here, we should still pursue it further and prevent such Paper Bills being a legal Tender in Payment of Money, which would render them ufeless.

5. Because the Arguments, that the calling in the old Notes, which carry Interest, and issuing others without Interest is a Prostitution of the public Faith, and will be an everlasting Reflection on the legislative Power, appear to us to have no Weight, the Bill having provided for the Payment of both Principal and Interest at the Time limited for the sinking those Notes. And that Clause is the more necessary, because it would have effectually prevented avaricious and designing Men, from making private Gain of the public Distress.—For these Reasons, we saw with Concern a Bill in all its Parts so well adapted to the Circumstances of this Colony laid aside by an equal Division of the Council.

*John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Thomas Dawson,
John Tayloe.*

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Wednesday, June 1st, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r*

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr *Bland*, that they had pass'd the Book of Claims, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr *Charles Carter*, with others, that he was commanded by the House to remind them, that there was then a Petition before the Burgeesses, recommended by the Council from the Inhabitants of the County of *Frederick*, praying Assistance against the Incursions of the *French* and their Indians, and as the Bill sent up for their Concurrence, intituled, *An Act for the better Defence of the Colony in this Time of Danger, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, is principally calculated for the Defence of the Frontiers, the Burgeesses desire the Council would expediate the passing of the said Bill.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go down, and in Answer to the said Message acquaint them, that the said Bill was read Yesterday the third Time, and on the Question put that it be agreed to, the Council were divided, so that it fell of Course.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr *Dudley Digges*, that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of Williamsburg and Borough of Norfolk*, with an additional Amendment, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Amendment was read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr *Thomas Walker*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Parish of St Anne, in the County of Albemarle*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately
Read accordingly the third Time,

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeesses therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday

(1174)

Thursday, June 2^d, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Petition of Robert Carlyle, praying to be satisfied for two Horses taken from him lately by the Catawba Indians, was read and referr'd to the Consideration of the House of Burgeffes.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday, June 3^d, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Charles Carter and many others, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time, and on the Question being put, that the said Bill be agreed to,

It pass'd in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday, June 4th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Charles Carter, that they had pass'd a Resolve for paying *Peter Pelham* the Sum of £25. for his Trouble in performing on the Organ in the Church in the City of *Williamsburg*, during this Session, and for keeping the same in Order, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Pendleton, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing a Trade with the Indians in Alliance with his Majesty*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourn'd, till *Monday* 12 o'Clock.

Monday

Monday, June 6th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r*

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by *M^r Bland* that they had pass'd the Book of Proportions, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeesses, that the Council have agreed to the same.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses, that they had pass'd the Treasurer's Accounts, and desired the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Order'd,

That a Committee be appointed to examine the said Accounts, and the same was referr'd to *John Blair and William Nelson Esq^rs*

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by *M^r Charles Carter*, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeesses Wages in Money, for this present Session of Assembly.*

Also a Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Vestry of the Parish of Overwharton, in the County of Stafford, to levy for Mourning Richards a reasonable Satisfaction for rebuilding a Church at Acquia*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeesses Wages in Money, for this present Session of Assembly*, was read the first Time, and order'd a second Reading immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Vestry of the Parish of Overwharton in the County of Stafford to levy for Mourning Richards a reasonable Satisfaction, for rebuilding a Church at Acquia*, was read the first Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd a third Reading immediately.

Read a third Time accordingly.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeesses, that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing a Trade with the Indians in Alliance with his Majesty*, was read a second Time, and an Amendment propos'd and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the said Bill with the Amendment, be read a third Time.

Read accordingly the third Time

Resolved,

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday

Tuesday, June 7th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Bland, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing Mutiny and Desertion*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time.

Order'd,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Bland, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Commissioners to examine and state the Accounts for the Pay and Provisions for the Militia of several Counties*.

Also a Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising a public Levy*, to which they desired the Concurrence of their Honors.

Also that they had disagreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing a Trade with the Indians in ~~Albany~~ with his Majesty*, and desire their Honors will pass the Bill, without that Amendment.

The Council immediately considered the said Amendment, and on the Question put, receded from the same.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Commissioners to examine and state the Accounts for the Pay and Provisions, for the Militia of several Counties*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising a public Levy*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately.

Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the two last mentioned Bills.

M^r Auditor from the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, reported, that it appears by the Account N^o 2, Pages 2 and 3, there is a Sum of £3776 os 1d. received of the Inspectors of public Warehouses for 3s. 6d. *per Hhd*, Duty on Tobacco, exported, and for Ballances from them due, which Sum is not carried to the Credit of the Country in the general Account, which the Committee are of Opinion ought to have been, altho' the same is appropriated for the Redemption of Monies issued for Payment of Tobacco, burnt at several public Warehouses. They likewise find

find in Pages 43 and 44, an Account of £12,000, issued in 1756, redeemable the 15th, of December 1757, by which Account tho' not ballanced, there appears due to the Treasurer £107. 16s. 8d, which they are of Opinion ought to have been carried to the Debit in the general Account.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer's Accounts be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes of the Omissions discover'd in the said Accounts, and that the Council have notwithstanding pass'd them; contenting themselves with having made these Observations, left those Articles should be forgot, at a future Settlement of the Accounts.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, June 8th, 1757.

Present

WILLIAM FAIRFAX, John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Bland, that they had sent up the inrolled Bills for their Honors Inspection.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them the Council are satisfied the Bills are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 30 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 491-492.]

Also to the following Resolves. [For the 3 Resolves, see also p. 492.]

The Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

I return you my hearty Thanks [See J. of H. of B., p. 492.]

A true Copy

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AT A
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 25th Day of *March*, in the xxixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord, 1756; and from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to *Thursday* the 30th Day of *March*, in the xxxith Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1758; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the Fourth Session of this present General Assembly.—

At a General Affembly Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 25th Day of *March*, in the xxixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord, 1756; and from thence continued, by feveral Prorogations, to *Thursday* the 30th Day of *March*, in the xxxist Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1758; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the Fourth Seffion of this prefent General Affembly.—

Thursday March 30th 1758.

Prefent

THE Hon^{ble} *John Blair* Efqr Prefident, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes*, *Peter Randolph*, *Philip Ludwell* Efqrs, M^r Commiffary *Dawfon*
Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes, that the Prefident commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleafed to make the following Speech, Viz.

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,

It is by His Majesty's Command [See J. of H. of B., 1752-1758, pp. 495-6.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Prefident.

Order'd,

That the Clerk read the Prefident's Speech,

Which was read accordingly.

Refolved

That an Addrefs be prepared to return his Honor the Thanks of this Houfe for his Speech—to exprefs their true Senfe of His Majesty's Concern for our former Loffes and Difappointments—to affure him they will chearfully co-operate with His Majesty's Defigns by contributing to the utmoft of their Power for the Defence and Prefervation of our Country by concurring with the Houfe of Burgeffes in fuch Supplies as our Situation and Circumftances will allow of.

Order'd

That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addrefs to the Prefident, purfuant to the faid Refolution, and it is referred to *Thomas Nelson*, and *Peter Randolph* Efqrs to prepare the fame—

Then the Houfe Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday

Friday March 31st 1758.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, Mr Commissary—*

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported, that the Gentlemen appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Address to the President, which was read, and agreed to, and is as follows;

Sir,

We His Majestys most faithful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, return your Honor, our sincere Thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Session. As we are truly sensible of His Majesty's real Concern for our former Losses and Disappointments, we should be guilty of the highest Ingratitude to our Sovereign, and wanting in the Duty we owe our Country, if we did not cheerfully co-operate with his gracious Designs, by contributing to the utmost of our Power for the Defence and Preservation thereof. Your Honor therefore may rest assured, that we will concur with the House of Burgesses in such Supplies as our Situation and Circumstances will allow of; to which End, we will apply ourselves with all Diligence and Dispatch; and by the Blessing of Heaven upon His Majesty's Arms, we hope to repel the Disturbers of our Repose, and give Peace and Tranquillity to our Fellow-Subjects.

Order'd

That the said Address be fairly transcribed.

Order'd

That the Committee who prepared the same wait on the President to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the same.

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 11 o'Clock—

Saturday April 1st 1758.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, Mr Commissary.*

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported that the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, waited on the President, to know when he would be pleas'd to receive the Address of the House, and that his Honor appointed this Morning in the Council Chamber.

Present The President.

William Nelson Esq^r in Behalf of the Council, presented their Address to the President, to which his Honor was pleased to return the following Answer;

Gentlemen of the Council,

I accept with all Gratitude your sincere Thanks for my Speech at the opening of this Session. Your former Zeal for His Majesty's Service, that I have so often been a Witness of leaves me no Room to doubt you will now heartily co-operate with His Majesty's Gracious Designs for our Defence and Preservation, and cheerfully concur with the House of Burgesses in vigorous Measures for that noble Purpose—

May the Sovereign Disposer of Events give a Blessing to his Majesty's Arms.—

Absent The President.

The Representation of *Edmond Atkin Esq^r* Agent for, and Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern District,

Also a Copy of an Act of Assembly of *North-Carolina* respecting the Indian Trade, were read, and referred to the Consideration of the Burgesses.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Monday

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Monday April 3^d 1758.

Present

AS BEFORE

The Memorial of Mr *John Smith*, setting forth, his past Services, and Misfortunes, and offering to go against the *Shawnee*, with a Body of Men, if countenanced and supported by the Government, was read, and referred to the Consideration of the House of Burgeffes.

Then the House Adjourned till *Wednesday* Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday April 5th 1758.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Mr Commissary, John Tayloe.*

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow, 12 o'Clock.

Thursday April 6th

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell, Mr Commissary, John Tayloe.*

Met and Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday April 7th 1758

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter*, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for augmenting the Forces in the Pay of this Colony to Two Thousand Men, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Fleming*, that they had passed a Resolve for allowing £300. to Mr *William Hunter*, to continue to the End of the next Session of Assembly, as a full Consideration for printing the Journal of the House of Burgeffes, printing the Laws of each Session, and sending thirteen of them to every County Court Clerk, one of which to be half bound for the Use of the Court; printing Inspectors Notes and Books, Proclamations, and other public Advertisements, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve—

And then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday

Saturday April 8th 1758.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Attorney, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act, for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Defertion, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately—Read accordingly a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time immediately—Read a third Time accordingly.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

Then the House Adjourn'd till *Monday 12 o'Clock.*

Monday April 10th 1758.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe.*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Charles Carter, that they had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing an Agent, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and on the Question being put, that the said Bill be read a second Time,

It passed in the Negative—

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday April 11th

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Pendleton, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately—Read accordingly a second Time, and on the Question put, that the said Bill be read a third Time,

It pass'd in the Negative.

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday

Wednesday April 12th 1758.

Present

AS YESTERDAY—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter*, that they had pass'd a Resolve for paying the several Officers for this Session of Affembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Digges*, that they had sent up the inrolled Bills for their Honors Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them the Council are satisfied the Bills are truly inrolled.

Present The President.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the President commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the President was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills.

1. *An Act for augmenting the Forces in the Pay of this Colony to Two Thousand Men, and for other purposes therein mention'd*

2. *An Act for continuing and amending an Act intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Defertion.*

Also to the Resolve for allowing *William Hunter* Printer £300. to continue to the End of the next Session of Affembly; and also the Resolve for paying the several Officers for this Session of Affembly.

His Honor was then pleas'd to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

It is a great Pleasure to me [See J. of H. of B., p. 506.]

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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thurfday* the 14th Day of *September*, in the xxxii^d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c; and in the Year of our Lord 1758.—

At a General Assembly Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th Day of *September*, in the xxxii^d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c; and in the Year of our Lord 1758.—

Thursday, September 14th, 1758.

Present

THE Hon^{ble} *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard Corbin*, *Philip Ludwell* Esq^{rs}, M^r *Commissary*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *John Tayloe* Esq^{rs}

John Blair Esq^r informed the Governor that Ninety-Three of the Members returned Burgeffes were sworn and met in their House.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleased to say to them, *Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes*, I am extremely well pleased to see so numerous an Appearance at the Beginning of this Session. You must return again to your House, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and present him to me To-morrow in this place.

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent The Governor.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday, September 15th 1758.

Present

THE Governor, and As Yesterday.

Another Member return'd Burgeffs was this Day sworn.

Order'd

That the Clerk go to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, to present their Speaker.

The Burgeffes attending, presented *John Robinson* Esq^r as their Speaker, who being approved of by the Governor made the usual Petition for Security of their Persons and Estates from Arrest and Prosecutions, for Freedom of Speech in their House, a Power over their own Members, and lastly, that none of his Failings or Mistakes might be imputed to the House—All which Privileges the Governor was pleased to confirm, and then made the following Speech—

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

I have deferred calling you [See J. of H. of B., 1758-1761, pp. 4-5.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Order'd

Order'd

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech,
Which was read accordingly.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be prepared, to congratulate his Honor the Governor, upon his safe Arrival to the Government of this Colony, to return him the hearty Thanks of this House, for his affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session, to assure him that the Plan he has laid down for the Rule of his Administration, opens to our View the most delightful Prospect, and that we will ardently exert ourselves in Support of His Majesty's just Rights, and the true Interest of this Colony.

And the same was referred to *Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee, and John Tayloe Esqrs*

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow-Morning Twelve o'Clock.

Saturday, September 16th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esqrs*

Richard Corbin Esq reported, that the Gentlemen appointed, had according to Order, prepared an Address to the Governor, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows.

Sir,

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia*, beg Leave to take this first Opportunity of our meeting in General Assembly to congratulate your Honor upon your safe Arrival to the Government of this Colony, and to return you our hearty Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session.

A Reverence for the Constitution under which we live, and by which Individuals are protected in the Enjoyment of their Rights and Privileges, and the sincere Exertion of our best Endeavours to support and maintain it in full Vigor, are the first and greatest of moral Virtues.

To have a warm Feeling of this Virtue, and an honest Inclination to fulfil the Dictates of it are what constitute the Character of a true Patriot. That a Gentleman of this Character should be appointed by His Majesty to rule over us, opens to our View the most delightful Prospect; and from that Plan which you have laid down for the Rule of your Administration, we have well-grounded Hopes, that perfect Harmony will subsist amongst us, and the Tranquillity of *Virginia* be established upon a firm and lasting Foundation. Permit us, *Sir*, to give you the strongest Assurances, that we will exert ourselves with a Zeal and Ardor equal to our Abilities, in Support of His Majesty's just Rights, and the true Interest of this Colony.

Order'd

That the said Address be fairly transcribed.

Order'd

That the Committee who prepared the same, wait on the Governor to know when his Honor [will] be pleased to receive it.

Then the House Adjourn'd till *Monday 12 o'Clock*—

Monday, September 18th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esqrs*

Four more Members of the House of Burgesses were this Day sworn.

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Richard Corbin Esq^r reported, that the Gentleman appointed had according to Order waited on the Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honor answered he would receive the same in the Council-Chamber this Day, at 12 o'Clock.

Present The Governor.

John Blair Esq^r in Behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Honor was pleased to return this Answer,
Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my sincere Thanks for your affectionate Address. My most strenuous Endeavours to promote and preserve the Tranquillity of this Colony, shall never be wanting, and if they are blessed from above with the Success your warm Expectations have formed, I shall think myself sufficiently happy. Your Assurances of supporting His Majesty in all his just Rights, give me singular pleasure, as they must to all Lovers of their Country. Give me Leave to take this Opportunity to congratulate you on the Surrender of *Louisbourg* to His Majesty's Arms, an Account of which I received last Night from Admiral *Boscawen*.—

Absent The Governor.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock.—

Tuesday, September 19th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}*

Two more Members of the House of Burgeesses were this Day sworn.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, September 20th 1758.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The House met and having no Business before them, Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday, September 21st 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}*

The House met, and for Want of Business, Adjourn'd till Wednesday next 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, September 27th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq^{rs}*

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by M^r *Richard Bland*, and M^r *Zachary Lewis*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to discharge their public Dues, Officers Fees, and other Tobacco Debts in Money for the ensuing Year*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time.

Order'd

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a second Time.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Landon Carter*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing a Treasurer*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and order'd a second reading immediately; the said Bill was read a second Time accordingly, and order'd a third Reading immediately, Read a third Time accordingly.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday September 28th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq^r
The House met and Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday, September 29th 1758.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Bland*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for settling the Inspectors Salaries and the Rents of the Public Warehouses for the ensuing Year*.

Also that they had passed a Resolve for the Printer's Salary, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Landon Carter* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing An Act intituled An Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Which two Bills were read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately—Read accordingly a second Time.

Order'd

That the said Bills be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bills be agreed to.

The Resolve for the Printer's Salary was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills, and to the said Resolve.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Archibald Cary*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for repealing an Act, intituled, An Act for the more effectual preventing and repelling the hostile Incurfions of the Indians at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Lee*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of Hamilton Parish in the County of Prince-William* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which two Bills were read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately—Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read the third Time immediately—Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills.

The Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to discharge their public Dues, Officers Fees, and other Tobacco Debts in Money for the ensuing year*, was read a second Time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third Time as amended—Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of their House.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 12 o'Clock—

Saturday, September 30th 1758.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to discharge their public Dues, Officers Fees, and other Tobacco-Debts in Money for the ensuing Year*.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday, October 2^d 1758.

Present

J OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq^r

The House met and Adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock To-morrow.

Tuesday, October 3^d 1758.

Present

J OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq^r;

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Landon Carter*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing an Agent*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and order'd to be read a second Time.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Thompson Mason*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels in the Northern-Neck, and in the several Counties therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first Time, and on the Question put, that the said Bill be read a second Time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, October 4th 1758.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Pendleton, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves;*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act, to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Tunstall Banks is seised and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses,* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves,* was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time.

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Tunstall Banks is seised, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses* was read the first Time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a second Time, and that the Parties attend to prove the Allegations thereof.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Thursday, October 5th 1758.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

The Bill intituled *An Act for preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves,* was read a second Time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, order'd to be read a third Time immediately, as amended.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time with the Amendment.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Tunstall Banks is seised, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses,* the Parties attending, was read a second Time, and the Question being put that the said Bill be read a third Time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday,

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Friday, October 6th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq₃*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Charles Carter, that they had passed the Treasurers Account.

Order'd

That the said Account be referred to *John Blair and Philip Grymes Esq₃*. to be examined.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday, October 7th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Richard Corbin, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq₃*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Thompson Mason, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for erecting a Town on the Land of Lewis Stephens in the County of Frederick, for enlarging the Town of Winchester, and for erecting a Town on the Lands of Nicholas Minor in the County of Loudoun*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Bland, that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council, to the Bill intituled *An Act for preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves*.

Also that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for the last, and this present Session of Assembly in Money*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Landon Carter, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing an Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing an Agent*, was read a second Time, and order'd to be committed for Amendments.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday, October 9th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq₃*.

John Blair Esq reported that the Gentlemen appointed to examine the Treasurers Account, had examin'd the same, and found it truly stated.

Resolved,

That the said Account be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act for erecting a Town on the Land of Lewis Stephens in the County of Frederick, for enlarging the Town of Winchester, and for erecting a Town on the Lands of Nicholas Minor, in the County of Loudoun*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read a second Time accordingly, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

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The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for the laft, and this present Seffion of Affembly in Money*, was read the firft Time, and order'd to be read a fecond Time immediately — Read accordingly a fecond Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing an Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officer's Fees, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*, was read the firft Time, and order'd to be read a fecond Time immediately — Read a fecond Time, and order'd a third Reading immediately — Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

That the faid Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid three Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing an Agent*, was read a third Time with Amendments, and on the Queftion put that the faid Bill with the Amendments be agreed to,

It paffed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be rejected.

Then the Houfe Adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock To-morrow,

Tuesday, October 10th 1758.

Prefent

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, Mr Commiffary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq.
The Houfe met and Adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wednesday, October 11th 1758.

Prefent

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, Mr Commiffary, Philip Lud: Lee Esq.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr Charles Carter, that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time and order'd to be read a fecond Time immediately — Read accordingly a fecond Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr Lewis Burwell, that they had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act for vefting certain Lands therein mentioned in Philip Johnfon Gent. adding the fame to the City of Williamsburg, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and the Parties attending to prove the Allegations, was order'd to be read a fecond Time immediately — Read accordingly a fecond Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, was order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Clement Read*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing Commissioners to examine and state the Accounts of Provisions and the Pay of the Militia and of the Damages done the Inhabitants of this Colony by the Cherokee and Catawba Indians, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to at the Table,

Order'd

That the said Bill as amended, be read a third Time.

Read accordingly a third Time with the Amendment.

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two first above mentioned Bills without any Amendment, and to the last, with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had passed a Resolve, that the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds be paid by the Treasurer of this Colony out of the Public Money in his Hands to *Peter Pelham*, for his Trouble in performing on the Organ in the Church in the City of *Williamsburg*, and for keeping the same in Order, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Thompson Mason*, that they had passed a Resolve for paying the several Officers of the General Assembly respectively, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Resolves were read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Ten o'Clock.—

Thursday October 12th 1758.—

Present

A S YESTERDAY—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Gabriel Jones*, that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for appointing Commissioners to examine and state the Accounts of Provisions, and the Pay of the Militia, and of the Damages done the Inhabitants of this Colony by the Cherokee and Catawba Indians, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *William Digges*, that they had sent up the inrolled Bills for their Honors Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk return the inrolled Bills to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied they are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber, and that they bring with them, such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

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The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleased to give his Affent to the following Bills, [For the 13 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 44-45.]

Also to the following Refolves,

1. For paying the severall Officers of the General Affembly respectively.
2. For paying *William Hunter* Printer to the Public, a Salary of £300. *per Annum*.
3. For paying *Peter Pelham* Organift, the Sum of £25.—

The Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The Provifion you have made [See J. of H. of B., p. 45.]

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th Day of *September* and from thence continued by Prorogation, to *Thursday* the 9th Day of *November*, in the xxxij^d, Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord 1758.

Being the Second Session

At a General Assembly Summoned to be held at the Capitol
in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th Day of
September and from thence continued by Prorogation, to
Thursday the 9th Day of *November*, in the xxxij^d, Year of the
Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the
Grace of God of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King,
Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord 1758.
Being the Second Session

Thursday, November 9th 1758.—

Present

THE Honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and
Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*,
William Nelson, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard*
Corbin, *Philip Ludwell*, M^r Commissary, *Phil: Lud: Lee*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert*
Carter Esq^{rs}

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go down to the House of Burgesses and
acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-
Chamber.

The Burgesses accordingly attending, the Governor was pleased to make the fol-
lowing Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

It was very far [See J. of H. of B., 1758-1761, pp. 49-50.]

After which, the Burgesses withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech,

Which was read accordingly.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 12 o'Clock.

Friday November 10th 1758.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes*, *Peter Randolph*,
Richard Corbin, *Philip Ludwell*, M^r Commissary, *Phil: Lud: Lee*, *John Tayloe*,
Robert Carter Esq^{rs}

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r Attorney General, that they
had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for the Defence*
of the Frontiers of this Colony, as [and] for other Purposes therein mentioned, to which
they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time imme-
diately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd a third Reading immediately —
Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Waller*, that they had passed a Resolve for continuing the Allowance of £300. *per Annum* to *William Hunter* Printer to the End of the next Session of Assembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill and Resolve.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 12 o'Clock.

Saturday November 11th 1758.—

Prefent

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *William Digges*, that they had sent up the inrolled Bill and Resolve, for their Honors to inspect.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Prefent The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

Also to the Resolve for allowing *William Hunter* Printer to the Public a Salary of £300. *per Annum*.

The Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The Readiness you have shewn [See J. of H. of B., p. 52. The speech ends—"prorogued to the third *Thursday* in *February* next."*]

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* The speech as printed in the "Journal of the House of Burgeffes" ends: "prorogued to the third *Thursday* in *December* next." The date given above is, however, manifestly the correct one, since the next session commenced on *Thursday* the 22nd of *February*, 1759.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th day of *September*, in the xxxij^d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord 1758; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 22^d, Day of *February* in the xxxij^d Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1759; and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the third Session of this present General Assembly.

At a General Assembly, Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th day of *September*, in the xxxij^d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord 1758; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 22^d, Day of *February* in the xxxij^d Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1759; and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the third Session of this present General Assembly.

Thursday, February 22^d, 1759.

Present

THE Honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes*, *Peter Randolph*, *Philip Ludwell* Esq^{rs}, Mr *Commissary*, *Robert Carter* Esq^r

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber.

The Burgesses accordingly attending, the Governor was pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

It gives me the greatest Pleasure [See J. of H. of B., 1758-1761, pp. 55-56.]

Then the Burgesses withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech.

The same was read accordingly.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be prepared to return the Governor our sincere Thanks for his kind Speech—to testify our Joy on the Surrender of *Fort Duquesne* to his Majesty's Forces—to express our Approbation of the Measures he has taken for the general Interest of the Colony, and the Defence of its Frontiers—and to assure him we shall readily concur in any proper Resolutions to promote the Honor of His Majesty, and to establish and perpetuate the Peace and Happiness of our Fellow-Subjects.

Order'd,

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution; and it is referred to *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, and *Philip Ludwell* Esq^{rs} to prepare the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 12 o'Clock—

Friday

Friday, February 23^d 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Robert Carter Esq^r

William Nelson Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order, prepared an Address to the Governor, which was read, and agreed to, and is, as follows,

To the Honorable Francis Fauquier Esq^r His Majestys Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

The humble Address of the Council.

Sir,

We, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General-Assembly, return your Honor our sincere Thanks for your kind Speech, at the Opening of this Session: At the same Time, we have a singular Pleasure in joining with your Honor in our Congratulations in the happy Event of the Surrender of *Fort Du Quesne* to his Majestys Forces under the Command of Brigadier General *Forbes*. A just Sense of the Duty we owe to his Majesty, and a Regard for the Security of ourselves and our Posterity, will always induce us to use our best Endeavours, and to take the strongest Precautions, to preserve this valuable Acquisition to us: To this End, we shall readily concur in any proper Resolutions to embrace and strengthen the Friendship offer'd by the Indians, and to protect them from the Revenge or Resentment of the exasperated *French*—

The Concern your Honor hath shewn for the Interest of the Colony, your Desire to lessen the Expences of it; and, in Consequence thereof, your Care in dismissing and sending Home the Militia, in providing, on the cheapest Terms for supplying the Forces now in the Pay of the Colony, and your judicious Endeavours to dispose of them in the best Manner, for the Defence of the Frontiers, demand the warmest Returns of Gratitude and Thankfulness: And we beg you, *Sir*, to rest assured, that the Council will exert their utmost Abilities, to render your Administration easy, and agreeable to you, by steadily pursuing such Measures as may tend to promote the Honor of his Majesty, and to establish and perpetuate the Peace and Happiness of our Fellow-Subjects.

Order'd,

That the said Address be fairly transcribed.

Order'd

That the Gentlemen who drew the Address wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be pleas'd to receive the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Saturday, February 24th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Robert Carter Esq^r

William Nelson Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order, waited on the Governor to know when and where his Honor would be pleas'd to receive the Address of this House, and that he answer'd, he would receive the same in the Council Chamber this Day at Twelve O'Clock.—

Present The Governor.

John Blair Esq^r in Behalf of the Council presented their Address, to the Governor, to which his Honor was pleas'd to return this Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

Nothing can be more acceptable to me, than the Sentiments of Zeal for his Majesty's Service, of Attachment to the Interest of the Colony, and of Affection to me, which appear throughout

throughout your Address, for which I return you my sincere Thanks. If the Steps I have taken during the Recess of the Assembly have been such as have met with your Approbation, it is a Matter of real Pleasure to me; and it shall be my constant Endeavour to merit it in all my future Conduct.

Absent The Governor.

Then the House, on a Motion made, for that Purpose, Adjourn'd till *Tuesday* Fortnight—

Tuesday March 13th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Benjamin Harrison, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing an Act intituled An Act* for laying an additional Duty on Rum and other distilled Spirits not being of the Produce of his Majesty's Sugar Islands, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Benjamin Waller, that they had pass'd a Resolve for allowing William Hunter Printer, a Salary of £300. *per Annum*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council — Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill, and Resolve.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, March 14th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Pendleton, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to explain an Act intituled An Act* to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to discharge their Public Dues Officers Fees and other Tobacco Debts in Money for the ensuing Year, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Landon Carter, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing an Act intituled An Act* for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Which two Bills were read the first Time and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bills.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Thursday

Thursday March 15th 1759.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

The House met and Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Friday, March 16th 1759.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Cabel, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to regulate the Price of Indian Corn in the present Scarcity*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third Time,

It pass'd in the Negative—

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected—

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Saturday, March 17th 1759.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

The House met, and having no Business, Adjourn'd till *Monday* 12 o'Clock—

Monday March 19th 1759.

Present

J OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r
The House met and Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Tuesday March 20th 1759.

Present

J OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r
The House met and Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock

Wednesday March 21st 1759.

Present

J OHN BLAIR, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r
A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Landon Carter, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing the Act intituled An Act for better regulating and collecting certain officers Fees and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

Also

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing an Act intituled An Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—*

Which two Bills were read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly the second Time and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *George Braxton* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Tunstall Banks is seised, and for settling other Lands and certain Slaves therein mentioned, of greater Value to the same Uses, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly the second Time; and the Council being satisfied that the Allegations in the said Bill were true,

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Harrison* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read a second Time, and order'd a third Reading immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill—

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Thursday, March 22^d 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr *Commiffary*, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Loudoun to pay their public Dues and Officers Fees in Money, and for other Purposes therein mentioned to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first Time and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Friday

Friday, March 23^d 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r
The House met and Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Saturday, March 24th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r
The House met and Adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock.—

Monday, March 26th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary.
Present The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgesses accordingly attending, his Honor was pleas'd to signify to both Houses, that he had just received a Letter from the Right Honorable M^r Secretary Pitt, dated at Whitehall the 29th of December last, by one of His Majesty's Ships of War, sent Express to this and the other Governments on the Continent, which Letter he deliver'd to the Speaker and desired him to lay it before his House, at the same Time recommending it to their immediate Consideration—

After which the Burgesses withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Tuesday, March 27th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r Charles Carter and many others, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing an Agent*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

A Message by M^r Gaines, that the Burgesses had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for vesting certain Lands in the County of Hanover in Philip Whitehead Claiborne Gentleman, in Fee-simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Wednesday, March 28th 1759.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Bill intituled *An Act for vesting certain Lands in the County of Hanover in Philip Whitehead Claiborne Gentleman in Fee-Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a second Time, and that the Parties attend to prove the Allegations thereof.

The

The Parties attending, the said Bill was read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, it was

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Gaines* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for vesting certain Lands belonging to the Pamunkey Indians in Trustees, to be leased out for their Benefit*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.—

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing an Agent*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and some Amendments being proposed and agreed to, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments — The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time as amended.

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intituled *An Act for vesting certain Lands belonging to the Pamunkey Indians in Trustees to be leased out for their Benefit*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time To-morrow, and that the Parties attend to prove the Allegations thereof

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday, March 29th 1759.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

The Bill intituled *An Act for vesting certain Lands belonging to the Pamunkey Indians in Trustees to be leased out for their Benefit*, the Parties attending according to Order, was read the second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and some Amendments proposed and agreed to, it was order'd that the said Bill as amended, be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill as amended, was accordingly read the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, to which they desire their Concurrence—

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Friday, March 30th 1759.

Present

A S YESTERDAY—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter*, that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for appointing an Agent*.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday

Saturday, March 31st 1759.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r *Charles Carter* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r *Pendleton* that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for vesting certain Lands belonging to the Pamunkey Indians in Trustees to be leased out for their Benefit.*

Then the House Adjourn'd till *Monday 12 o'Clock—*

Monday, April 2^d 1759.

Present

JOHAN BLAIR, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}—*
The House met and Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock

Tuesday, April 3^d 1759.

Present

JOHAN BLAIR, *Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}—*

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r *Zachary Lewis* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for repealing the Act for altering the Place for holding Courts in the County of Spotsylvania, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly the second Time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be committed for Amendments.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r *Charles Carter*, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty, for the better Protection and Defence of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned, was read the third Time—*

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said two last mentioned Bills.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Wednesday

Wednesday, April 4th 1759.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill intituled *An Act for repealing the Act* for altering the Place for holding Courts in the County of *Spotsylvania*, was read the third Time with Amendments.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Lee*, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of Prince-William* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Thursday, April 5th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Philip Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *William Digges* that he was order'd to bring up the inrolled Bills for their Honors Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk return the inrolled Bills to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes attending his Honor was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 12 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., p. 118.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent The Governor.

The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of Prince William*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time.

The House being informed that some Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes desired to be heard upon the said Bill, the Clerk was order'd to acquaint them that the Council were now ready to hear them; the Gentlemen accordingly attending, were heard on both Sides, and being withdrawn, it was

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a second Time, and on the Question that the said Bill be read a third Time,

*It pass'd in the Affirmative—**Resolved*

That the said Bill be read a third Time.

Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Bland*, that they had pass'd the Book of Claims, and desired the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Order'd

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of Prince-William*; and also to the Book of Claims.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for repealing the Act for altering the Place for holding Courts in the County of Spotsylvania*.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Friday, April 6th 1759.—

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Benjamin Harrison, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing so much of the Act of Assembly intituled An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Mississippi as relates to the raising and imposing collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Wythe, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for enlarging the Towns of Fredericksburgh and Winchester, the City of Williamsburg and Town of Dumfries*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock—

Saturday, April 7th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Wythe, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the better regulating Eaton's Charity-School*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Charles Carter, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging Arts and Manufactures* — Also a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries* — Also a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills on the River Rappidan, to make Openings or Slopes in their Mill Dams for the Passage of Fish* — Also a Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving several Vestries, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock—

Monday

Monday, April 9th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Philip Lud: Lee Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Charles Carter, that they had pass'd the Treasurers Accounts— Also a Bill intituled *An Act to prohibit Masters and Owners of Slaves to give General Licences to trade for themselves* — Also a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing several Towns therein mentioned*; to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Cary, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to prevent the Justices of Dinwiddie, from obliging the Justices of Chesterfield to join with them in building a Bridge over Appomattox River, at a Place called Browder's Island*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Riddick, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Suffolk in the County of Nansemond, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Richard Henry Lee, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, *An Act for puting Machotique and Mattox Warehouses in the County of Westmoreland under one Inspection, for erecting a Warehouse at Stratford Landing in the said County and other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for enlarging the Towns of Frederickburg and Winchester, the City of Williamsburg and Town of Dumfries* was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately. Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for the better regulating Eaton's Charity School*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read the third Time accordingly.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging Arts and Manufactures* was read the first Time, and order'd to be read the second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the three last mentioned Bills.

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be committed for Amendments.

The Bill intituled *An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills on the River Rappidan, to make Openings or Slopes in their Mill Dams for the Passage of Fish*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly the second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act for diffolving feveral Vestries and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly the second Time, and some Amendments being propos'd and agreed to, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments — The said Bill was read the third Time as amended.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Bill intituled *An Act to prohibit Masters and Owners of Slaves to give general Licences to trade for themselves*, was read the first Time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second Time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

Order'd

That the Treasurer's Accounts be refer'd to *John Blair* and *Philip Grymes Esq^{rs}* to examine.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Waller*, that they had pass'd the Book of Proportions, and a Report of the Committee of public Claims concerning Damages done by the Indians, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 10 o'Clock

Tuesday, April 10th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing feveral new Ferries*, was read the third Time with Amendments.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for puting Machotique and Mattox Warehouses in the County of Westmoreland under one Inspection, for erecting a Warehouse at Stratford Landing in the said County, and other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and Amendments being propos'd and agreed to, was order'd to be read a third Time as amended.

The said Bill was read the third Time as amended.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills with Amendments, to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Bill intituled *An Act for establishing feveral Towns therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time—

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The

The Bill intituled *An Act to prevent the Justices of Dinwiddie from obliging the Justices of Chesterfield to join with them in building a Bridge over Appamattox River, at a Place called Browder's Island*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately. Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Suffolk in the County of Nansemond, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly the second Time, and order'd to be read the third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time—

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the three last mentioned Bills, without any Amendment.

John Blair Esq^r reporting that the Gentlemen appointed, had examined the Treasurer's Accounts, and found them truly stated, the same were agreed to by the Council—

They also agreed to the Book of Proportions, and to the Schedule annexed to the Report, from the Committee of public Claims.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith
Present The Governor.

His Honor was pleas'd to communicate to the Council, several Letters he had just received from the Right Honorable M^r Secretary Pitt, M^r Pownall, Clerk of the Privy-Council, Major-General *Amherst*, Brigadier-General *Stanwix* and Col. *Byrd*; also a Copy of the Proceedings of the Council at *Whitehall*, in Relation to the Memorial of the Merchants in *London* and *Bristol*, trading to *Virginia*, to that Board

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the said Letters and Copy to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them he is commanded by his Honor, to lay the same before them for their Consideration

Absent The Governor.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 10 o'Clock

Wednesday, April 11th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Charles Carter, that they disagree to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries*, and desire the Council will pass the Bill without the said Amendments.

The Council took the said Amendments into Consideration, and on the Question put, receded from the same.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Pendleton, that they agreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council, to the Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving several Vestries, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, with an Amendment, and desire the Council will pass the said Bill with their Amendments as amended by the Burgeffes.

The

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the said Amendment, and the same being read was agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgeffes, and inform them thereof.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for reducing the severall Acts for licensing Pedlars and preventing Frauds in the Duties upon Skins and Furs into one Act*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for putting Machotique and Mattox Warehouses in the County of Westmoreland under one Inspection, for erecting a Warehouse at Stratford Landing in the said County, and other Purposes therein mentioned*.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 10 o'Clock

Thursday, April 12th 1759.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act concerning Strays*,

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty for the better Protection and Defence of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for raising a Public Levy* — Also a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money*.

A Message by Mr *Read*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for giving a certain Sum of Money therein mentioned to purchase Corn for the Relief of the South-Western Parts of this Colony in their present Distress*.

A Message by Mr *William Waller*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for altering severall Court Days therein mentioned*.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing an Act intituled An Act for preventing Mutiny and Desertion, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Executors of the Will of John Spotfwood Esq^r deceased to pay the Debts and Legacies due from the Estate of Major General Alexander Spotfwood, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act concerning Strays* was read the first Time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second Time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act intituled An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty for the better Protection and Defence of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein*

therein mentioned, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — Read accordingly a second Time, and order'd a third Reading immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for raising a Public Levy*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to—

The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money* was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately — Read accordingly a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for giving a certain Sum of Money therein mentioned to purchase Corn for the Relief of the South Western Parts of this Colony in their present Distress*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for altering several Court Days therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately — The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing an Act intituled An Act for preventing Mutiny and Desertion, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and order'd a second and third Reading immediately — Read accordingly a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the Six last mentioned Bills without any Amendments.

The Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Executors of the Will of John Spotfwood Esq^r deceased, to pay the Debts and Legacies due from the Estate of Major General Alexander Spotfwood, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a second Time.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 10 o'Clock

Friday, April 13th, 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph Esq^{rs}, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}—

The Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Executors of the Will of John Spotfwood Esq^r deceased, to pay the Debts and Legacies Due from the Estate of Major General Alexander Spotfwood, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, and

and the Council being satisfied of the Truth of the Allegations therein, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately — Read accordingly the third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 10 o'Clock—

Saturday, April 14th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph Esq^r, M^r Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Gaines, that they had passed a Resolve for giving Instructions to the Committee of Correspondence appointed by the Act passed this Session of Assembly, intituled *An Act for appointing an Agent*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r William Digges that they had sent up the inrolled Bills for their Honors Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them the Council have agreed to the Resolve above mention'd, and are satisfied the Bills are truly inrolled.—

Present The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.—

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills viz: [For the enumerated Acts, Nos 13 to 34, see J. of H. of B., p. 128.]

Also to the following Resolves, viz: [For the two Resolves, followed by the Governor's Speech ending the session, see d^o, p. 129.]

A true Copy

N. Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th of *September*, in the 32^d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* 2^d by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord 1758: And from thence continued by several Prorogations, to *Thursday* the 1st of *November*, in the 33^d Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1759; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the Fourth Session of this General Assembly.—

At a General Affembly, Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th of *September*, in the 32^d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George 2^d* by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord 1758: And from thence continued by feveral Prorogations, to *Thursday* the 1st of *November*, in the 33^d Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1759; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the Fourth Seffion of this General Affembly.—

Thursday, November 1st 1759.

Present

THE honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard Corbin*, *Philip Ludwell* Esq^{rs}, M^r Commiffary *Dawfon*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter* Esq^{rs}

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleafed to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,

Some Letters which I lately received [See J. of H. of B., 1758-1761, pp. 133-134.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Abfent The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech, Which was read accordingly.

Refolved,

That an Addrefs be prepared to return the Governor the Thanks of the Council for his Speech — to exprefs their Concern at the Commotions of the *Cherokee* Indians, and their Readinefs to concur with the Houfe of Burgeffes in any proper Meafures conducive to the Common Safety — to exprefs their grateful Acknowledgments of his Honor's Attention to the Security of the Colony, and to affure him of the Continuance of their Zeal for the public Good.

And the fame was refer'd to *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, and *Richard Corbin* Esq^{rs}—

Order'd

That the Houfe be Adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday November 2^d 1759.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

William Nelson Esq^r reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared an Address to the Governor.

Which Address was read and agreed to, and is as follows,

Sir,

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia* now met in General Assembly, return your Honor our sincerest Thanks for your kind Speech, at the Opening of this Session. It is with the utmost Concern we see the Danger to which the neighbouring Colonies of *North* and *South-Carolina*, and our own Frontiers, will be exposed, from the Commotions that seem to be rising among the *Cherokee* Indians; and we look upon it as a fresh Instance of your Honor's anxious Care for our Preservation, that you have so early called us together, to provide for our Safety, and to ward off the impending Stroke.— Our Zeal for his Majesty's Honor and Service, and Regard for the Security of our Country, have been fully evidenced, by exerting ourselves to the utmost of our Power, ever since the Commencement of the present Hostilities; and we shall, upon this Occasion, be ready cheerfully to join with the House of Burgesses, in any Measures that shall be consistent with the Circumstances of our Country, already groaning under an heavy Load of Debts, and with the precarious State of our public Credit, occasioned by the late frequent, though necessary and unavoidable, Emissions of Paper Money. The Experience we have long had of your Honor's Attention to the Security of the Colony, and your prudent and frugal Application of the Money raised for that Purpose, claim our most grateful Acknowledgements.

We return your Honor's Congratulations, on the rapid and uninterrupted Success of his Majesty's Arms; and beg Leave, on our Parts to assure you of the Continuance of that Zeal for the public Good; that Integrity of Heart in the Pursuit of it; that Loyalty to his Majesty, and that Affection to your Honor, which you have experienced during your Residence among us.

Order'd

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it, wait on the Governor to know when and where he'll be pleas'd to receive the same—

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock.—

Saturday November 3^d 1759.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

William Nelson Esq^r reported, that the Gentlemen appointed, had according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know when and where he would be pleas'd to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honor answer'd he would receive the same on *Monday* Morning at ten o'Clock in the Council Chamber.

Then the House Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 10 o'Clock—

Monday November 5th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Esq^{rs}, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esq^{rs}
Present The Governor.

John Blair Esq^r in Behalf of the Council, presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Honor was pleas'd to return the following Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

The Cheerfulness with which you have always contributed to support his Majesty's just Right, left me no Room to doubt of your ready Concurrence in every Measure to protect this Colony from any Danger with which it may be threaten'd.

It

It gives me the greatest Satisfaction to find my Conduct, on this Occasion, meets with your Approbation; and I return you my most sincere Thanks for the kind Interpretation you put on all my Endeavours to serve and defend this Colony, and for all other repeated Testimonies of your Regard to me

Absent The Governor.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday November 6th 1759.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The House having no Business before them, on a Motion made for that Purpose,
Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Sen'night,

Wednesday November 14th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}—

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr George Wythe that they had passed a Resolve for allowing a Salary of £350, *per Annum* to William Hunter Printer to the Public, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Landon Carter, that they had passed a Resolve for allowing Alexander Finnie the Sum of One Hundred Pounds for clearing General Braddock's Road.

Also a Resolve for providing the acting Justices of Virginia with Mercer's *Abridgement*, at the public Expence, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which three Resolves were read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said three Resolves.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 11 o'Clock

Thursday November 15th 1759.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Archibald Cary, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Vestry of the Parish of Dale in the County of Chesterfield to sell the Glebe Land of the said Parish and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — The said Bill was read a third Time accordingly.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Richard Henry Lee that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend the several Acts laying a Duty on Slaves imported into this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first Time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second Time,

It pass'd in the Negative.

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House Adjourn'd till *Saturday Morning 11 o'Clock*—

Saturday November 17th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Bland* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for granting the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the further Protection of this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Archibald Cary*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Day of the County of Augusta*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately. The said Bill was read a second Time accordingly, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *George Wythe*, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands therein mentioned, and to vest the same in Lewis Burwell Esq^r in Fee simple, and for settling other Lands of greater Value in Lieu thereof to the same Uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time; and the Council being satisfied of the Truth of the Allegations therein, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was read a third Time accordingly.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Lee* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for this present Session of Assembly in Money*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately — The said Bill was accordingly Read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

Then the House Adjourn'd till *Monday Morning 10 o'Clock*.

Monday

Monday Novem^r 19th 1759.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}

Present The Governor,

The Governor cummunicated to the House a Letter he had juft received from his Excellency General Amherft, in Favor of Captain Robert Stobo.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down and deliver the faid Letter to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Governor recommends the fame to their immediate Confideration.

Abfent The Governor.

The Bill intituled *An Act for granting the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the further Protection of this Colony*, was read a fecond Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately. The faid Bill was accordingly read a third Time, and on the Queftion put that the faid Bill be agreed to *It pafs'd in the Affirmative.*

Resolved

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill.

Before the Queftion put on the faid Bill, Philip Ludwell, and Phil: Lud: Lee Esq^{rs} defired Leave to enter their Proteft if the Queftion fhould pafs in the Affirmative.

Difsentient

1. For that we conceive the Bill to be infufficient for the Purpofes which are faid to be intended by it. The Protection of our Frontier againft the Dangers threaten'd from the *Cherokee* Indians being not provided for.

2. Becaufe we think it inconfiftent with that dutiful Regard which we owe to the Commands of our Sovereign to confent to a Bill which appears to us an immediate and exprefs Contradiction to the moft recent Inftruction whereby his Majefty is pleas'd to forbid that Paper Money fhould be made a legal Tender for Sterling Debts, without a juft Referve of Option to the Creditor.

3. As there is no Provifion made by this Bill for the due and neceffary deftroying the Paper to be emitted in Purfuance of it, after fuch Paper Money fhall have answer'd the proper End of its Emiffion: And more efpecially as all Application to the Legiflature for that falutary Purpofe, is ineffectual, by the prefent Refufal of the Burgeffes to pafs the Bill fent down to them from this House for deftroying the Paper-Money of this intended, and of former Emiffions, after its Return into the Treafury. Whereby many Hundred Thoufand Pounds of imaginary Money, made by a Recirculation diftreffes the Country, to the great Injury of Trade, and the Exclufion of real Coin; and this without Remedy, as by continuing a legal Tender, they may not be refused, nor if they might be refused, would they be diftinguifhable, whilft blending in the general Circulation, they muft inevitably pafs without Detection.

Philip Ludwell, Phil: Lud: Lee.—

A Meffage from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Bland* that they had paffed a Refolve, that the Sum of One Thoufand Pounds be paid by the Treafurer of this Colony to Captain *Robert Stobo* over and above the Pay that is due to him from the Time of his rendering himfelf Hoftage to this Day as a Reward for his Zeal to his Country and a Recompence for the great Hardfhips he has fuffer'd during his Confinement in the Enemy's Country, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Refolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Refolve.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West Indies for their own Use to pay a Duty*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, that they had passed a Resolve for paying the Salaries of the respective Officers of the General Assembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council —

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

Upon a Motion made, it was order'd that a Bill be brought in to establish a Method to preserve the Credit of the Paper-Currency of this Colony, and it was referr'd to *William Nelson Esq^r* to prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow-Morning 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday November 20th 1759.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

William Nelson Esq^r according to Order presented a Bill, intituled *An Act to establish a Method to preserve the Credit of the Paper Currency of this Colony*. Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately. The said Bill was read a second Time accordingly, and order'd to be engrossed and read a third Time.

The said Bill was accordingly engrossed and read a third Time —

Resolved

That the said Bill do pass.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have passed a Bill intituled *An Act to establish a Method to preserve the Credit of the Paper-Currency of this Colony*, to which they desire their Concurrence.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 10 o'Clock —

Wednesday November 21st 1759.

Present

J OHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell, Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^{rs}*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Clement Read*, that they had sent up the inrolled Bills for their Honors Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the said Bills to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor.

Order'd

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills viz: [For the 6 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., p. 152.]

Also to the following Resolves, viz:

1. A Resolve for allowing a Salary of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds *per Annum* to *William Hunter* Printer to the Public.

2. A Resolve for providing the acting Justices of *Virginia* with *Mercer's Abridgement*, at the public Expence.

3. A Resolve that the Sum of One Thousand Pounds be paid by the Treafurer of this Colony to Captain *Robert Stobo*, over and above the Pay that is due to him from the Time of his rendering himself Hostage to this Day, as a Reward for his Zeal to his Country and a Recompence for the great Hardships he has suffer'd during his Confinement in the Enemy's Country.

4. A Resolve for allowing *Alexander Finnie* the Sum of One Hundred Pounds for clearing General *Braddock's* Road.

And then his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

As you have gone through [See J. of H. of B., p. 153.]

A true Copy

N. Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thurfday* the 14th Day of *September*, in the 32^d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* 2^d by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c; and in the Year of our Lord 1758: And from thence continued by several Prorogations, to *Tuesday* the 4th of *March*, in the 33^d Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1760; and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the 5th Session of this General Assembly.—

At a General Assembly, Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th Day of *September*, in the 32^d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* 2^d by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c; and in the Year of our Lord 1758: And from thence continued by several Prorogations, to *Tuesday* the 4th of *March*, in the 33^d Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1760; and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the 5th Session of this General Assembly.—

Tuesday March 4th 1760.

Present

THE honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r his Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard Corbin* Esq^{rs}, M^r Commiffary *Dawson*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *Robert Carter* Esq^{rs}—

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber—

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleased to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

I have called you together [See J. of H. of B., 1758-1761, pp. 157-8.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech —

Which was read accordingly.

Resolved

That an Address be prepared to return the Governor the Thanks of this House for his Speech—to express their Satisfaction on his Majesty's appointing Major-General *Amherst* Governor in Chief of this Colony—to testify their Joy on the Series of Victories obtained by his Majesty's Arms—and to assure his Honor of their ready Concurrence in all Measures which shall be judged conducive to his Majesty's Service, and the Happiness of his Subjects.—

And the same was referred to *Richard Corbin*, *Phil: Lud: Lee*, and *Robert Carter* Esq^{rs}—

Then the House Adjourned till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5th 1760.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.*Richard Corbin Esq^r* reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared an Address to the Governor.

Which Address was read and agreed to, and is as follows,

Sir,

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, beg leave to return your Honor our sincere Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session; and to express our great Satisfaction on his Majesty's Appointment of his Excellency General *Amherst* to be Governor in Chief of this Colony.

The Series of Victories obtained by his Majesty's Arms, in every Quarter of the World, are Events that must give a very sensible Joy to all his Subjects; and we acknowledge, with all Thankfulness, the Goodness of Divine Providence for these great and important Successes as they open to our View the Prospect of an honorable and lasting Peace. His Majestys paternal Care so substantially evidenced in every Instance of his glorious Reign; the Wisdom of his Councils, and the disinterested Conduct of his Ministers, leave us no Room to doubt of the most effectual Measures being pursued to secure the Advantages thus acquired by the Skill and Bravery of his Commanders. Let our Duty and Gratitude exert themselves to the utmost Height; let us secure the Ease and Happiness of our Country, as the most acceptable Service we can do to his Majesty; let us consider the present critical Conjuncture, and that will animate us with the warmest Zeal for the Honor of the Crown, and the Prosperity of this Colony: We beg Leave therefore to assure your Honor of our ready and chearful Concurrence in all such Measures as will be agreeable to his Majesty, and most conducive to the present Tranquillity and future Security of our Fellow-Subjects.

Order'd

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governor to know when and where he'll be pleased to receive the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock.—

Thursday, March 6th 1760.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^s, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, Robert Carter Esq^s

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Nottoway* Parish in the County of *Amelia*, praying for a Dissolution of their Vestry, was read, and referred to the Consideration of the House of Burgesses.

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order waited on the Governor to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honor answer'd he would receive the same this Day at One o'Clock in the Council Chamber.

Present The Governor.

John Blair Esq^r in Behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Honor was pleased to return the following Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my most sincere Thanks for your very loyal and dutiful Address. The Part you take in the glorious Successes of his Majesty's Arms, owing next under God, to the firmness of his own Mind, the Prudence of his Councils, and the Conduct of his

Generals;

Generals; and the Zeal you shew, to contribute your Share towards the continuing and increasing them, must give the highest Satisfaction to his Majesty, to his Friends, and to all his loyal and faithful Subjects, both here and at Home.

Absent The Governor.

Then the House Adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday, March 7th 1760.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, Robert Carter Esq^r
The House met, and having no Business, Adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock To-morrow.

Saturday, March 8th 1760.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, Robert Carter Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Richard Bland, that they had passed a Resolve for allowing a Salary of £350 *per Annum* to William Hunter Printer to the Public to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock—

Monday, March 10th 1760.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Esq^r, Mr Commissary, Phil: Lud: Lee, Robert Carter Esq^r—

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Charles Carter that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for granting the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, for the further Security and Protection of this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and order'd to be read a second Time immediately — The said Bill was read a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday, March 11th 1760.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr Ralph Wormley that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for directing the Trustees of the Indian Factory of Virginia to sell the Goods imported by them, and to pay the Money arising by such Sale into the Treasury for the Use of the Public.*

Also

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Affembly.*

Also a Refolve for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the General Affembly.

Also a Refolve for paying *Edward Davis* and *John Thruston*, the Sum of Fifty Pounds each for their respective Slaves condemned and executed for Felony.

Also a Refolve for paying *Peter Pelham* Organist the Sum of Twenty Pounds — To which Bills and Refolves they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for directing the Trustees of the Indian Factory of Virginia to sell the Goods imported by them, and to pay the Money arising by such Sale into the Treasury, for the Use of the Public*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately — the said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Affembly*, was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately: The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The three last mentioned Refolves were read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills, and to the said three Refolves.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *William Digges*, that they had sent up the inrolled Bills and Refolves for their Honors Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the said Bills and Refolves to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Refolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, viz: [For the 3 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., p. 167.]

Also to the following Refolves, viz.

1. A Refolve for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the General Affembly.
2. A Refolve for paying *Edward Davis* and *John Thurston* the Sum of Fifty Pounds each, for their respective Slaves condemned and executed for Felony.—
3. A Refolve for allowing a Salary of £350 *per Annum* to *William Hunter* Printer to the Public.

4. A Refolve for paying *Peter Pelham* Organist, the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

And then his Honor was pleased to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

I cannot dismifs you [See J. of H. of B., pp. 167-168.]

A true Copy

N: Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

summoned to be held at the Capitol the City of *Williamburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th of *September*, in the xxxij Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c And in the Year of our Lord MDCCLVIII; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Monday* the 6th of *October* in the xxxivth Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord MDCCLX. and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* being the seventh Session of this General Assembly.—

At a General Affembly fummoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 14th of *September*, in the xxxij Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the fecond by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c. And in the Year of our Lord MDCCLVIII; and from thence continued by feveral Prorogations to *Monday* the 6th of *October* in the xxxivth Year of his Majefty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord MDCCLX. and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* being the feventh* Seffion of this General Affembly.—

Monday October 6th 1760

Preſent

THE honourable *Francis Fauquier* Eſq, his Majeſty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes* Eſqts, M^r Commiſſary *Dawſon* *Robert Carter* Eſq,

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeſſes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleaſed to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I have called you together [See J. of H. of B., 1758-1761, pp. 183-185.]

Then the Burgeſſes withdrew.

Abſent The Governor.

Ordered

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech, which was read accordingly

Reſolved

That an Addreſs be prepared, to return the Governor the Thanks of this Houſe for his Speech; to teſtify their Joy on the glorious Succeſs of his Majeſty's Arms; to ſignify their Readineſs to promote any Meaſures which ſhall be judged proper for eſtabliſhing the Tranquility of our Country, upon the moſt laſting Foundation; and to expreſs their Concern at his Majeſty's Diſallowance of certain neceſſary Laws, which they conceive muſt have been obtained thro' the artful Miſrepresentations of deſigning Perſons.

And the ſame was referr'd to *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes* and *Robert Carter* Eſqrs. Then the Houſe adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Tuesday

* Proceedings of the Council at the 6th ſeſſion of this General Affembly have not been found.

Tuesday October 7th 1760.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes Esqrs, Mr Commissary, Robert Carter Esqr

William Nelson Esqr produced to the Council, two Letters of the 1st & 20th of May from Edward Montagu Esq, Agent for the Colony, which he had communicated before to the Governor, and received back, which being read, it was ordered that the Clerk carry the same down to the House of Burgesses for their Consideration.

Thomas Nelson Esq, reported that the Gent: appointed, had, according to Order prepared an Address to the Governor, which Address was read and agreed to, and is as follows,

Sir

We his Majestys dutiful Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, return your Honour our sincerest Thanks for your affectionate Speech, at the Opening of this Session. Nothing could be more acceptable to us, than your Honour's kind Congratulation on the glorious Success of the *British* Arms, in the Reduction of all *Canada* to an entire Submission and Obedience to his Majesty, thro' the Conduct and Vigour of our Governor Major General *Amherst*. This long wished for Event opens to us a pleasing Prospect, of putting a speedy and happy Period to a ruinous and destructive War, which hath been rendered the more calamitous and insupportable by the unheard of Perfidy and Barbarity of a savage and cruel Enemy. If it should still be thought necessary to take further Steps towards establishing the Security and Tranquility of our Country, upon a surer and more lasting Foundation, we shall not on our parts be backward in promoting and encouraging all proper Measures for so good and salutary a Purpose.

It is with great Concern we observe his Majesty's Disallowance of certain wholesome and necessary Laws, calculated for the Relief and Ease of our Fellow-Subjects, in times of unusual Distress and Scarcity; which, we conceive, must have been obtained thro' the artful Misrepresentations of interested and designing Persons.

Ordered

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, & that the Gent who drew it, wait on the Governor to know when & where he will be pleased to receive it.

Then the House adjourned till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

Wednesday October 8th 1760.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

Thomas Nelson Esqr reported that the Gent appointed, had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honour answer'd he would receive the same this Day at one o'Clock in the Council Chamber.

Present The Governor,

John Blair Esqr in Behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Honour was pleased to return the following Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my most hearty Thanks for your affectionate Address; Your Willingness to promote and encourage every further Measure necessary to establish the future Security and Tranquility of your Country, gives me the greatest Satisfaction, as such a Disposition must in the End, fix the Happiness of this Colony on a firm and solid Basis.

Absent The Governor.

Then the House, on a Motion made for that Purpose, adjourn'd 'till Friday 12 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday October 10th 1760.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph Esqrs, Mr Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter Esqrs

A Message from the House of Burgeses by Mr Pendleton That they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Charles Lewis Gentleman is seised, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same uses,* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeses by Richard Henry Lee Esq^r that the Burgeses had passed a Resolve that an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, to congratulate him on the glorious Success of his Arms in *North America*, and humbly to lay before his Majesty the Reasons which induced the General Assembly to pass those Acts that have lately met with his Royal Disallowance, and desire the Council to join with them in the said Address.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph* and *Philip Ludwell Lee Esqrs* be appointed to assist in preparing the same.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeses that the Council have agreed to join with them in the proposed Address to his Majesty, and have appointed four of their Members to join with the Members appointed by their House in order to draw the same.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow morning 11 o'Clock.

Saturday, October 11th 1760

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Cumberland Parish* in *Lunenburg County* praying a Division of their Parish, was read, and referred to the Consideration of the Burgeses.

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Charles Lewis Gent is seised, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same uses,* was read the first time, and the parties appearing to prove the Allegations, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was read a second time accordingly, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.

Monday, October 13th 1760.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esqrs, Mr Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter Esqrs.

The House met & adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Tuesday

Tuesday October 14th 1760

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, that they had passed a Refolve for allowing *William Hunter* Printer a Salary of £350 *Per Annum*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Refolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the same.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney General*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for recruiting and further continuing the old Regiment in the Service of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow morning 11 o'Clock

Wednesday, October 15th 1760.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esqrs, Mr Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter Esqrs*

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *William Digges*, That he was order'd to lay the inrolled Bills before the Council for their Inspection.

Ordered

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills and acquaint the Burgeffes the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes attending, his Honour was pleased to give his Assent to

A Bill intituled *An Act for recruiting and further continuing the old Regiment in the Service of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*. Also to——

A Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Charles Lewis Gent is seised, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same uses*.

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor

A Message from the Burgeffes by *Richard Henry Lee Esqr* that they had passed a Refolve for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the General Assembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Refolve was read & agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd 'till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday

Thursday October 16th

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^{rs}

A Message by M^r Charles Carter that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing Persons to receive the Money granted or to be granted by the Parliament of Great Britain to his Majesty for the use of this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed thereto.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Friday October 17th 1760.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Saturday October 18th

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee Esq

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Charles Carter that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to explain and amend the Act intituled An Act for appointing an Agent to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council*

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately

The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourn'd 'till Monday Morning 11 o'Clock

Monday October 20th

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}, M^r Commissary, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe Esq^{rs}

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported that the joint Committee appointed by both Houses, had, according to Order prepared an Address and Representation to his Majesty, which was left with the Committee appointed by the Burgeffes for them to report to their House.

A Message by M^r Henry Lee, that he was ordered by the House of Burgeffes to lay the inrolled Bills & Resolves before the Council for their Inspection.

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A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Address and Representation to his Majesty prepared by the joint Committee; to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

And the same were read and agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Address and Representation and are satisfied that the Bills and Resolves are truly inroll'd

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had passed a Resolve that the Address and Representation to his Majesty be fairly transcribed and signed by the President of the Council and Speaker of the House of Burgeffes, and then delivered to the Committee of Correspondence, to be by them transmitted to the Agent, to be presented to his Majesty, and that whatever necessary Expence shall be incurred in soliciting the said Representation shall be born by the public, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith
Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills Viz [For the two Acts and two Resolves signed at this time, see J. of H. of B., p. 196.]

His Honour then made the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker and Gent of the House of Burgeffes

As you have gone through [See J. of H. of B., p. 197.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew—

Absent The Governor.

Ordered

That the House be adjourned to the 11th day of *December* next—

Thursday, December 11th 1760

Present The Governor

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee Esqrs*
Ordered

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber,

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honour was pleased to say that having no particular Business to recommend to them at this time, he thought fit to order both Houses to adjourn themselves to *Thursday* the 5th of *March* next.

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor,

Ordered

That the House be adjourned to the said fifth day of *March* next.

Thursday March 5th 1761

Present

THE Governor, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esqrs*

All the Burgeffes who appeared this day according to Adjournment, took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy and the Abjuration Oath, & repeated & subscribed the Test—

The Governor being informed that the Burgeffes were met in their House, ordered the Clerk to acquaint them that he commanded their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes attending according to Order, his Honour was pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

I should have omitted [See J. of H. of B., p. 198.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Ordered

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech, which was read accordingly.

Resolved

That an Address be prepared to return the Governor the Thanks of this House for his Speech; to express their real Concern for the great Loss sustained by the whole *British* Empire by the Decease of our late Sovereign, and their Hopes of Happiness under his present Majesty; and to assure his Honour of their chearful Concurrence in such Measures as shall be found necessary to complete the Success of his Majesty's Arms in *North America*.

Ordered

That an Address be drawn pursuant to the said Resolution; and it is referred to *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson* and *Peter Randolph Esquires* to prepare the same.

Upon a Motion made

Resolved

That an humble Address be prepared to his Majesty, testifying our Grief for the Decease of our late most gracious Sovereign, and the Sense of Blessings we promise ourselves from the Accession of his present Majesty to the Throne of *Great Britain*. And the same was referred to *Peter Randolph* and *Richard Corbin Esqrs*

Then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock

Friday March 6th 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esqrs*

William Nelson Esq reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared an Address to the Governor, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows.

Sir

We his Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General-Assembly by Adjournment, take this first Opportunity of condoling with your Honour, and of expressing our real Concern for the Loss which the whole *British* Empire hath sustained, by the Decease of our late Sovereign, of happy and glorious Memory, a King whose private and royal Virtues had render'd him dear to all his Subjects, and
filled

filled our Hearts with the warmest Sentiments of Duty and Affection. After deploring our Loss, and paying the just Tribute to so excellent a Character, we look forward with pleasing Hopes of his illustrious Successor, and indulge the most sanguine Expectations of enjoying the Blessings of Freedom, in the fullest Latitude, under his present Majesty; a Prince descended from that Royal Family, and brought up under the Influence of so great an Example; and who hath been graciously pleased, on his first Accession to the Throne, to declare that he shall make it the Business of his Life to promote the Glory and Happiness of his Kingdoms.

From these Considerations, we beg Leave to assure your Honour, of our inviolable Attachment to his Majesty's sacred Person and Government; and as an Earnest of the Truth and Sincerity of our Professions, until Time shall give us Occasion of more substantial Proofs, we promise an immediate and chearful Concurrence in such Measures as shall be found necessary to complete the Success of his Majesty's Arms in *North America*, and to establish the Peace and Security of the Colonies on the most sure and permanent Foundation.

Ordered

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

Peter Randolph Esq^r reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Address to his Majesty, which Address was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governor to request him to join therein.

Then the House adjourn'd 'till Tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Saturday, March 7th

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Peter Randolph & Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}*

Peter Randolph Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to Order waited on the Governor to know when & where he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House to him, and to request him to join with them in the Address to his Majesty; and that his Honour answer'd he would receive the Address to him this day at 1 o'Clock in the Council Chamber, and agreed to join in the Address to his Majesty.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council had prepared an Address to his Majesty in which the Governor had joined, and that they sent it down and desired their House would also join therein, and had left a Blank for that Purpose.

Present The Governor.

John Blair Esq^r in Behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor to which his Honour was pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen of the Council,

The Sentiments of Affection and inviolable Attachment to his Majesty's sacred Person and Government, which you express in this Address; and the Assurances you give me of concurring in every Measure to complete the Success of his Majesty's Arms, in Order to establish the Security and Tranquility of his Colonies in *North America*, give me the greatest Satisfaction.

These Professions cannot fail of being highly acceptable to his Majesty; and claim the tribute of my Thanks, which I return you with the greatest Sincerity and Cordiality.

Absent The Governor,

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Richard Bland*, that they had agreed to join with the Governor and Council in the Address to his Majesty, and had filled up the Blank left for that Purpose.

Then the House adjourn'd till *Monday Morning* 11 o'Clock.

Monday March 9th 1761.

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin Esqrs*

The House having no Business, on a Motion made for that Purpose, Adjourn'd to *Thursday* Fortnight.

Thursday March 26th 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esqrs*

A Message by Mr *Charles Carter* that the Burgesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend an Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mention'd.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing an Act intituled An Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Bedford and Suffex:* To which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bills were read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said three Bills be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Wythe*, That they had passed a Resolve, That the Sum of £500 be paid by the Treasurer of this Colony to Cap^t *Jacob Van-Braam*, over and above the Ballance of his Pay, that is due to him to this time, as a Compensation for his Sufferings, during a long and painful Confinement as an Hostage in the Enemy's Country, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve—

A Petition for erecting a Town on the Land of *Edward Edwards* in *Stafford County*, was read & referred to the Consideration of the House of Burgesses.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday March 27th 1761

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Gains*, That they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for clearing of Rivers and Creeks*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time.

It passed in the Negative

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Saturday

Saturday, March 28th 1761.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message by Mr *Charles Carter*, That the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for recruiting and further continuing the Regiment in the Service of this Colony; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time,

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* 12 o'Clock—

Monday March 30th 1761.

Present

AS SATURDAY

The House met and adjourn'd 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Tuesday March 31st 1761.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *William Digges*, that he was ordered by the House of Burgeffes to lay the inrolled Bills before the Council for their Inspection.

Ordered

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills to the Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Message by Mr *George Washington*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing the Town of Woodstock in the County of Frederick*.

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to prevent Hogs running at large within the Town of Winchester, or the Limits thereof*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

The Bill intituled *An Act for establishing the Town of Woodstock in the County of Frederick*, was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

The Bill intituled *An Act to prevent Hogs running at large within the Town of Winchester or the Limits thereof*, was read the first Time, and on the Question put that the same be read a second time

It passed in the Negative

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Wythe*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Archibald Cary Esqr is seised as Tenant in Fee-tail, and to settle other Lands of greater Value in Lieu thereof to the same Uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, and the Allegations proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate of the Publications of Notice produced, it was ordered that the said Bill with the Amendment be read a third time. The said Bill with the Amendment was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, to which they desire their Concurrence.

Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honour was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, Viz: [For the three Acts signed at this time, see J. of H. of B., p. 242.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

The Governor was pleased to lay before the House a Letter from his Excellency General *Amherst*, dated *March 15th* enforcing his Majesty's Requisition of as large a Body of Men as the Number and Situation of the Inhabitants here may allow. Which Letter being read, it was

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the same down to the Burgeffes for their Consideration.

Absent The Governor

Then the House adj^d till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday April 1st 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esqrs

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr Wythe, that they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Archibald Cary Esq^r is seised as Tenant in Fee-tail, and to settle other Lands of greater Value in Lieu thereof to the same uses.*

A Message by Mr Waller, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for vesting certain Lands therein mentioned in Philip Johnson Gentleman, adding the same in the City of Williamsburg, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, And the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the Publications of Notice, it was

Ordered

That the said Bill be read a third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Present The Governor.

His

His Honour was pleased to communicate to the House a Letter from Mr Secretary Pitt, dated Jan^y 17th 1761, signifying his Majesty's Pleasure, in Regard to the Number of Men required to be raised here, for the general Service, which Letter being read, it was
Ordered

That the Clerk carry it down to the Burgeffes for their Consideration, together with a written Message, requesting that one or two Commissioners may be appointed to assist him in transacting Affairs with the *Cherokees*, which they had thought proper to leave solely to his Discretion to manage.

Absent The Governor.

Then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday, April 2^d 1761

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr Pendleton, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Executors of the Will of Gawin Corbin Gentleman deceased to sell certain intailed Lands and Slaves for the Payment of his Debts, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the Publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

A Message by Mr Pendleton That the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Carter Henry Harrison is seized, and for settling other Lands to the same uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately. The said Bill was read accordingly a second Time; and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

And then the House adjourn'd 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday, April 3^d 1761.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message by Mr Charles Carter, That the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Parish of Frederickville in the County of Louisa, and for directing the Election of Vestrymen for the Parish of Hampshire in the County of Hampshire* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately.

The

The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday April 4th 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Robert Carter Esqrs

A Message by Mr Charles Carter that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for amending & further continuing the several Acts of Assembly of this Colony for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately.

And the same was accordingly read a third time

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

A Message by Mr Charles Carter that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Vestry of the Parish of Antrim in the County of Halifax to sell their Glebe in the said Parish, and to apply the Purchase money towards buying another more convenient Glebe.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for further enlarging the Town of Dumfries in the County of Prince William*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bills were read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourned 'till Monday 12. o'Clock.

Monday April 6th 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter Esqrs

A Message by Mr Charles Carter, That the Burgeffes had passed the Treasurers Accounts

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Parish of Elizabeth River in the County of Norfolk into three distinct Parishes; for dissolving the Vestry of the said Parish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Ordered

Ordered

That the Treasurers Accounts be referred to *William Nelson and Peter Randolph Esqrs* to be examined.

A Message by Mr *Bradley* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for enlarging and ascertaining the Limits of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Tuesday April 7th 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Robert Carter Esqrs*

A Message by Mr *Bland*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Counties of Albemarle and Louisa, and Parish of Saint Anne, and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd the Book of Claims, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr *Cary*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a Town on the Glebe Land of Dale Parish in the County of Chefterfield, and appropriating Part of the said Land, for public Landings*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council—

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill, and also to the Book of Claims.

A Message by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing new Directors and Trustees for the Town of Leeds in the County of King George, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

William

William Nelson Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order examined the Treasurers Accounts, and found them truly stated.

Resolved

that the said Accounts be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Benjamin Harrison* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act concerning Seamen; Also one other Act intituled An Act for preventing Frauds in the Customs, and in clearing of Ships for ascertaining of Ships for ascertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to continue an Act intituled An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for reducing the several Acts for licensing Pedlars and preventing Frauds in the duties upon Skins and Furs into one Act, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council*

Which three Bills were read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

that the said Bills be agreed to—

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said three last mentioned Bills and also to the Treasurer's Accounts.

Then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Wednesday, April 8th 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esq^s*

A Message by Mr *Washington* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council*

A Message by Mr *Claiborne*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for regulating the practice of Attornies, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council*

A Message by Mr *Landon Carter*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills Hedges or Stone Steps on sundry Rivers therein mentioned to make Openings or Slopes therein for the passage of Fish to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries*, was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately; The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time with the Amendment immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time with the Amendment.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to

The other two Bills were read the first time, and ordered a second and third reading immediately. The said two Bills were accordingly read a second and third time

Resolved

that the said Bills be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the first of the three last mentioned Bills with an Amendment, to which they desire their Concurrence, and to the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message by Mr *Washington* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for appointing feveral new Ferries—*
 Prefent The Governor

His Honour laid before the Houfe a Letter from General *Amherft* dated *New York March 25th* in Answer to the Addrefs from the Burgeffes; Alfo Extracts from feveral Letters of his to Col *Byrd*, together with a Letter from Col *Byrd* dated *Annapolis April 5th*

Ordered

That the Clerk carry the faid Letters down to the Houfe of Burgeffes.

Absent The Governor

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for the better prefervation of the Breed of Deer and preventing unlawful Hunting to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council*

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond time immediately. The faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond time, and an Amendment being propofed and agreed to, it was ordered that the faid Bill be read a third time with the Amendment immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read as amended the third time.

Resolved

That the faid Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Attorney*, that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for taking fpecial Bail in the Country upon Actions and Suits in the General Court*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft time, and order'd to be read a fecond time immediately. The faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond time, and Amendments being propofed and agreed to, it was ordered that the faid Bill with the Amendments be read a third time immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third time with the Amendments.

Resolved

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid two laft mentioned Bills with Amendments to which they defire their Concurrence.

A Message by Mr *Bland*, that the Burgeffes had paffed feveral Claims for the Pay and Expences of the Militia of different Counties; for Provisions for the Indians that came to the Affiftance of this Colony, and for Damages done the Inhabitants thereof by the faid Indians, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Claims

A Message by Mr *Pendleton*, that the Burgeffes had paffed a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Executors of the Will of John Spotfwood Esq^r deceased to pay the Debts and Legacies due from the Estate of Major General Alexander Spotfwood, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft time and ordered to be read a fecond time immediately. The faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was Ordered that the faid Bill be read a third time immediately.

The faid Bill was Accordingly read a third Time

Resolved

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the Houfe adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday

Thursday April 9th 1761.

Present

AS YESTERDAY & *William Byrd Esq^r*

A Message by Mr *Bland*, that the Burgeffes had passed the Book of Proportions, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr *Attorney*, that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for taking special Bail in the Country upon Actions and Suits in the General Court.*

A Message by Mr *Washington*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to preserve the Water for the use of the Inhabitants of the Town of Winchester and the Limits thereof, by preventing Hogs from running at large therein*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Read*: That the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Parish of Cumberland in the County of Lunenburg, and for other Purposes therein mentioned* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mentioned Bills, and also to the Book of Proportions.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton*, that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for the better Preservation of the Breed of Deer and preventing unlawful Hunting.*

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday April 10. 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esq^{rs}*

A Message by Mr *Harrison*, that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

A Message by Mr *Waller* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for raising a public Levy*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bills were read the first time, & ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bills were accordingly read a second & third time

Resolved

that the said two Bills be agreed to—

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Present The Governor.

The Governor and President signed the joint Address to his Majesty

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith and carry down the said Address for the Speaker to sign.

A Message by Mr *William Digges*; that he was ordered by the House of Burgeffes to lay the inrolled Bills before the Council for their Inspection.

Ordered

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills, and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council are satisfied the same are truly inroll'd.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor gave his Assent to the following Bills [For the enumerated Acts Nos 4-31, see J. of H. of B., pp. 256-257.]

Also to the Resolve that the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds be paid by the Treasurer of this Colony to Cap^t *Jacob Van-Braam* over and above the Ballance of his pay that is due to him to this Time, as a Compensation for his Sufferings during a long and painful Confinement as an Hostage in the Enemy's Country.

Then the Speaker deliver'd to the Governor the joint Address to his Majesty, requesting him to transmit the same, in such Manner as he should judge proper.

After which his Honour was pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

I am arrived at a Day [See J. of H. of B., p. 258.]

N. Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May* in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord MDCCLXI, and from thence continued by Prorogation to *Tuesday* the 3^d of *November* following and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the first Session of this General Assembly.

At a General Assembly summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May* in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord MDCCLXI, and from thence continued by Prorogation to *Tuesday* the 3^d of *November* following and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the first Session of this General Assembly.

Tuesday November 3^d 1761.

Present

THE honorable *Francis Fauquier Esq* his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Philip Grymes*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard Corbin*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *Robert Carter*, *Presley Thornton Esq*s

The President informed the Governor that Sixty five of the Members returned Burgeffes were sworn and met in their House.

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleased to say to them, *Gentlemen*, you must return to your House, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker—

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

A Message from the Burgeffes to the Governor by Mr *Bland*, That their House had made Choice of a Speaker, and desired to know his Honor's pleasure, when they shall attend to present him; to which the Governor answered he was then ready to receive them in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes attending presented *John Robinson Esq*, as their Speaker, who being approved of by the Governor made the usual Petition for Security of their Persons and Estates from Arrests and Prosecutions, for Freedom of Speech in their House, a Power over their own Members, and lastly that none of his Failings or Mistakes might be imputed to the House; All which Privileges the Governor was pleased to confirm, and then made the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

It was necessary for me [See J. of H. of B., 1761-1765, p. 6.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Ordered

That the Clerk read the Governors Speech, which was read accordingly.

Resolved

Resolved

That an Address be prepared to return the Governor the Thanks of this House for his Speech; to assure his Honor of their chearful Concurrence in every Measure conducive to his Majesty's Service, the Interest of the Country and the future Ease of the Subject.

Ordered

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is referred to *Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee, and Robert Carter Esqrs* to prepare the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock Tomorrow.

*Wednesday November 4th 1761.**Present*

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton Esqrs*

Richard Corbin Esq reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared an Address to the Governor, which was read, and agreed to, and is as follows.

Sir,

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, beg Leave to return you our most sincere and hearty Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session, and to assure your Honor of our chearful and ready Concurrence in every Measure that is conducive to his Majesty's Service, the true Interest of our Country, and the present and future Ease of our Fellow Subjects. That Ardour for his Majestys Service; that Attention to the public Welfare, which you have constantly pursued through the Course of your Administration, cannot fail to increase your Reputation, and transmit your Name and Character with praise to posterity. May you long continue to govern a happy and contented People.

Ordered

that the said Address be fairly transcribed.

Ordered

that the Gentlemen who drew the Address wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the same.

Then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

*Thursday November 5th 1761.**Present*

AS YESTERDAY.

Several Letters from *Edward Montagu Esq* were laid before the House by the Committee of Correspondence—

Ordered

that the Clerk carry down the said Letters to the House of Burgesses for their Consideration.

Richard Corbin Esq reported that the Gentlemen appointed, had according to Order waited on the Governor to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honour answered he would receive the same in the Council Chamber this day at two o'Clock.

Present The Governor.

The President in Behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Honor was pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen of the Council:

The Assurance you give me of your ready and chearful Concurrence in every Measure conducive to his Majesty's Service, and the true Interest of your Country, give me

me the greatest Satisfaction, which is heightened by the affectionate Manner in which you express yourselves in regard to myself, for all which I return you my sincere Thanks: And you may be assured on your Parts, that the Approbation my Conduct has happily met with from you, will be a fresh Incentive to me, to let slip no Opportunity of using my constant Endeavours to promote his Majesty's Honor, the Welfare of this Colony, and the Happiness of it's Inhabitants.

Absent The Governor.

Then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday November 6th 1761.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The House met and adjourned 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday November 7th 1761.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till *Monday* 12 o'Clock.

Monday November 9th 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee Esqrs

Present The Governor.

The Governor communicated to the House a Letter from Col *Stephen*, dated Camp at *Great Island* October 23^d inclosing two Letters from the principal Men of the *Cherokee* Nation, also an Address of the Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment to the Governor and Council, requesting them to take into their protection a Memorial presented by them to the last Assembly; which Letters and Address being read, it was ordered that the Clerk carry the same to the House of Burgesses.

Absent the Governor

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday November 10th 1761.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The House met and having no Business before them, adjourn'd 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday November 11th 1761.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter*, That they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing the Regiment in the Service of this Colony*:

Also that they had passed a Resolve for paying £150 to Messrs *John Chiswell* and *Thomas Walker* each, as Commissioners for treating with the *Cherokees*, to which Bill & Resolve they desired the Concurrence of the Council

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr Attorney; That they had passed a Resolve for paying *Joseph Royle* Printer a Salary of £350 *Per Annum*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

Which two Resolves were read and agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing the Regiment in the Service of this Colony*, was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately: The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill, and to the said two Resolves,

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof John West Gent is seized and vest them in Trustees to be sold, and for laying out the Money in the Purchase of Slaves to be settled to the same Uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately: The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the Publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Charles Carter* from the Burgeffes; That they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Vestry of the parish of Hanover in the County of King George to sell their present Glebe Lands, and to lay out the Money in the Purchase of a more convenient Glebe*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourn'd 'till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Thursday November 12th 1761.

Present

A S. YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Landon Carter* and many others that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for regulating the Fees and Charges of Persons practicing in Physick, Surgery and Midwifery in this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time immediately; The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and on a Motion made, it was ordered that the third reading of the said Bill be put off for a Fortnight.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr Attorney, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Common Hall of the City of Williamsburg to assess such Taxes from time to time on the Inhabitants thereof, as shall be sufficient to answer all Charges and Expences for public Buildings & other Conveniences*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and some Amendments being proposed and made at the Table, it was ordered that the said Bill with the Amendments be read a third time immediately—

The said Bill with the Amendments was read accordingly a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence—

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Landon Carter*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to explain and amend an Act intituled An Act for further enlarging the Town of Dumfries in the County of Prince William*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately—

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Friday November 13th 1761.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Charles Carter*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing a Treasurer*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Mann Page Esqr is seised and for settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the same uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing a Treasurer* was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Mann Page Esqr is seised and for settling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the same uses*, was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Common Hall of the City of Williamsburg to assess such Taxes from time to time on the Inhabitants thereof as shall be sufficient to answer all Charges and Expences for public Buildings and other Conveniencies*.

Also

Also that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing the Towns of Stanton in the County of Augusta, and new London in the County of Bedford and Strasburg in the County of Frederick*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately: The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and an Amendment being proposed and made at the table, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately with the Amendment; The said Bill was accordingly read a third time with the Amendment.

Resolved

that the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment to which they desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to enhance and more effectually to secure the Credit of the Paper Currency of this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately; The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Wythe*, that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain Lands therein mentioned in Philip Whitehead Claiborne Gent, in Fee simple and for settling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately: The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately. The said Bill was read accordingly a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in Bernard Moore Esqr in Fee-simple, and for laying out the Value thereof in Slaves to be settled to the same uses*.

Also a Resolve for paying the several Officers of the General Assembly, to which Bill and Resolve they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

The said Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately: The said Bill was read accordingly a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately. The said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

The Resolve for paying the several Officers of the General Assembly was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill and Resolve.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney*: That they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for establishing the Towns of Stanton in the County of Augusta, and New London in the County of Bedford and Strasburg in the County of Frederick.*

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Wythe* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Robert Carter Esqr is seised, and to settle other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses,* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the Publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately: The said Bill was read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill. Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Saturday November 14th 1761.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Philip Grymes, Peter Randolph, Philip Ludwell Lee Esqrs

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Archibald Cary* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Affembly* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately: The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Carrington*, That he was ordered to lay the inrolled Bills and Resolves before the Council for their Inspection

Ordered

that the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills and Resolves and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Ordered

that the Clerk go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending the Governor gave his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 13 Acts enumerated, see J. of H. of B., pp. 26-27.]

Also to the following Resolves.

1. For paying the several Officers of the General Affembly.
2. For paying *Joseph Royle* Printer a Salary of £350 *per Annum*
3. For paying £150 to Messieurs *John Chiswell* and *Thomas Walker* each, as Commissioners for treating with the *Cherokees*.

The Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech—

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes

Having given my Assent [See J. of H. of B., p. 27.]

N: Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summon'd to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May*, in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the 3.^d by the Grace of God of *Great-Britain, France & Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the year of our Lord 1761, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 14th of *January* 1762; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the second Session of this General Assembly.

At a General Affembly Summon'd to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May*, in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the 3^d by the Grace of God of *Great-Britain, France & Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the year of our Lord 1761, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 14th of *January* 1762; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the second Session of this General Affembly.

Thursday January 14th 1762.

Present

THE honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r his Majesty's L^t Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of *Virginia*. *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Richard Corbin*, *Robert Carter* Esq^{rs}.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber. The Burgeffes accordingly Attending, his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

My duty to his Majesty, [See J. of H. of B., 1761-1765, pp. 33-34.]

After this the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent The Governor

Then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow 12 o'Clock

Friday January 15th 1762.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Richard Corbin*, *Robert Carter* Esq^{rs}

The House met and Adjourn'd till to morrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday January 16th 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and Adjourn'd till *monday* 12 o'Clock.

Monday January 18th 1762.

Present

AS BEFORE.

The House met and adjourn'd till to morrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday

Tuesday January 19th 1762.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

The House met and Adjourn'd till to morrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday January 20th 1762.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeses by M^r Cary that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for reviving and further continuing the several Acts of Assembly of this Colony for preventing Mutiny & Desertion and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read the second time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, it was order'd that the said Bill as amended be read a third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a third time with the Amendment,

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment; and desire their Concurrence,

A Message from the House of Burgeses by M^r Cary, that they cannot agree to the amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *an act for reviving and further continuing the several Acts of Assembly of this Colony for preventing Mutiny & Desertion and for other purposes therein mentioned*, and desire they will pass the Bill without the said Amendment.

The House immediately proceeded to take into Consideration their amendment disagreed to by the Burgeses, and the same was read, and on the Question put, infisted upon.

Resolved

That this House do infist upon their amendment to the said Bill.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down with a message to the House of Burgeses, and acquaint them therewith, and that this House desire they will recede from their disagreement, and pass the Bill with the amendment. A Message from the House of Burgeses by M^r Richard Henry Lee that they had passed a Resolve for paying the several Officers of the General Assembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeses therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgeses by M^r Attorney, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *an Act for giving a Recompence to the Officers of the Virginia Regiment*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second & third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd.

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeses therewith.

A Message by M^r Attorney that the Burgeses had pass'd a Resolve for continuing the Salary of £350. *per annum* to Joseph Royle Printer to the end of next Session of Assembly.

Assembly. Also a Resolve for paying £100 to *William Jenkins* by the Treasurer out of the public Money in his hands as a Reward for his fidelity in the service of the Colony as a public Express and a Compensation for the Losses he has sustained during the time of his service, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Resolves were read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses therewith. A Message from the Burgeesses by Mr *Cary* that they insist on their Disagreement to the amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *an Act for reviving and further continuing the several Acts of Assembly of this Colony for preventing Mutiny & Desertion and for other purposes therein mentioned*, and desire they will pass the Bill without the amendment. The Council proceeded to take again their Amendment into consideration, and the same, was, on the Question put, adhered to.

Resolved.

That this House do adhere to their amendment to the said Bill.

Order'd

That the Clerk go with a Message to the House of Burgeesses and acquaint them therewith, and that this House desire they will recede from their disagreement, and pass the Bill with the Amendment.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday, January 21st 1762.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgeesses by Mr *Attorney*, that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *an Act for preventing Mutiny & Desertion and other purposes*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses therewith.

A Message from the Burgeesses by Mr *William Digges*, that he was order'd to lay the inrolled Bills before the Council for their Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the said Bills to the House of Burgeesses, and acquaint them the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Governor commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his assent.

The Burgeesses accordingly attending the Governor was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 3 Acts passed, see J. of H. of B., p. 42.]

Also to the following Resolves. [For the 3 Resolves, see J. of H. of B., p. 42.]

And then his Honor was pleas'd to prorogue the Assembly to the second *Tuesday* in *April* next.

N: Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May*, in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, King Defender of the Faith, &c and in the year of our Lord 1761; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Tuesday* the 30th of *March*, 1762, in the second year of his Majesty's Reign; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the third Session of this General Assembly.

At a General Affembly. Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May*, in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, King Defender of the Faith, &c and in the year of our Lord 1761; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Tuesday* the 30th of *March*, 1762, in the second year of his Majesty's Reign; and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the third Session of this General Affembly.

Tuesday, March 30th 1762.

Present

THE honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Richard Corbin*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter* Esq^{rs}

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly Attending his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The great Regard I pay [See J. of H. of B., 1761-1765, pp. 47-48.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech; and the same was read accordingly.

Resolved

That an Address be prepared to return the Governor the thanks of this House for his Speech, and to assure him that the importance of the present critical Conjunction will determine them to exert themselves for the true Interest of their Country, with a Zeal and ardour equal to their abilities.

Order'd,

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is referr'd to *Richard Corbin*, *John Tayloe*, and *Robert Carter* Esq^{rs} to prepare the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow 12 o Clock.

Wednesday

Wednesday March 31st 1762

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esq^{rs}

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to order prepared an address to the Governor, which was read, and agreed to, and is as follows.

Sir,

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, beg leave to make our gratefull Acknowledgements to your Honor for that Tenour of Conduct which has evidenced itself with such Zeal. for his Majesty's Service, and such regard for the welfare of the People under your Government; and to return you our sincere thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session.

Your Honor has laid before us so just a Representation of the Importance of the present critical Conjuncture, as cannot fail to make an Impression on all true Lovers of their Country. Permit us, on our Parts, to assure your Honor that we will exert ourselves with a Zeal and ardour equal to our Abilities, in support of such measures as are conformable to his Majesty's Instructions, and the true Interest of our Country. All the money granted by Parliament has been expended in Support of the Regiment; the Load of Paper money that has been struck and issued for the same Purpose, is become really alarming; to make any Addition to it must give a severe wound both to public and private Credit; and as we stand connected with our Mother State, whatever affects our Credit must in its Consequence affect the trading Interest of *Great Britain*; the disbanding of the Regiment was therefore a prudent and wise measure, and render'd unavoidably necessary, from this important Circumstance. The General Assembly well knew in whose Breast they lodged that great Trust. This reciprocal Confidence between the Governor and People must be productive of the happiest Consequences: may this Confidence be continually increasing that the Toils of your Administration may be rewarded with an uninterrupted Peace, and the ardent wishes of a whole People for your Health and Prosperity.

Order'd

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday April 1st 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to order waited on the Governor to know when and where he would be pleas'd to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honor answer'd he would receive the same this Day at one o'Clock in the Council Chamber.

Present the Governor.

John Blair Esq^r in behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Honor was pleased to return the following Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

The Assurances you give me of exerting yourselves with an Ardour equal to your Ability for the Interest of your Country, give me the greatest satisfaction; and I return you my most hearty thanks for them, and for all your Professions of Affection to me. When I disbanded the Regiment, I thought it behooved me to take that Step. When I applied

applied for more men to affist his Majesty's Forces this Campaign, I thought it absolutely necessary; and am of Opinion the Credit of this Colony cannot be hurt either here or at home, by the usual way of providing for them.

The Confidence the General Assembly have been pleas'd to put in me gives me so much real Pleasure that it will be my constant Endeavour to cultivate the Growth of it, until it becomes such a Mutual Reliance on each other as may produce the permanent Happiness of both.

Absent The Governor

Then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday April 2^d 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The House met and Adjourn'd till to morrow 12 o'Clock

Saturday April 3^d 1762.

Present.

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr Pendleton that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Vestries of the Parishes of Drydale in the Counties of Caroline and King and Queen and of Saint Stephen in the said County of King & Queen to sell their Glebes and lay out the money in purchasing more convenient Glebes*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr Flemming that they had pass'd a Resolve for continuing the Printer's Salary of £350 *per annum* to the End of the next Session of Assembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr Pendleton that they had pass'd a Resolve that the sum of one Hundred Pounds be paid by the public to Lieutenant *Thomas Gest* as a Reward for his Bravery as an Officer in the late *Virginia* Regiment and as a Recompense for a Wound he received in Colonel *Grants* Engagement, and the Hardships he underwent during a Years Captivity by the Indians, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to the said two Resolves.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr *Henry Lee* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *an Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Prince William and Louisa*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved.

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 12 oClock.

Monday April 5th 1762.

Present

A S SATURDAY.

A Message by Mr *Charles Carter* and others that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *an Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty and other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

On a Motion made, it was order'd that the reading of the said Bill be postponed till To morrow morning for a fuller House.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Hartwell Cocke* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof William Seward is seised and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a Second time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately; the said Bill was read accordingly a Third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday April 6th 1762.

Present

J OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Phil. Lud: Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton Esq^r

The Bill intituled *An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty and other purposes therein mentioned* was read the first time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a second time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third time immediately, *it pass'd in the Affirmative.*

Resolved,

That the said Bill be read a third time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read the third Time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be agreed to, *it pass'd in the Affirmative.*

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes Therewith

William

William Nelson Esq^r before the reading of the said Bill a third time, moved for Leave, in Case the same should be agreed to, to enter a Protest,

Dissentient.

1. Because this Bill with a Specious title, has a most dangerous tendency, and we cannot suppress our Opinion or conceal our Apprehensions of the mischiefs that must be the Consequence of issuing more paper-Money, and making it a legal tender: These apprehensions are sufficiently warranted by the Acknowledged deficiency of the taxes for sinking our paper currency, a deficiency so alarming to the General Assembly, which met in *November* last, that it even astonish'd the warmest advocates for paper money.

2. Because the want of a sufficient quantity of circulating money which was at first the pretence for issuing paper bills of credit is now removed by the several large emissions since that period, and we think it will be more for the interest of the Colony, to raise within the year the necessary supplies, as it will prevent that confusion, and those many inconveniencies and frauds so loudly complain'd of in the Northern Colonies, which occasion'd the Act of Parliament made in the 24th year of his late Majesty's reign; to such a bill we should cheerfully have given our assent, or to any other bill that was agreeable to the sense of the *British* Parliament, and his Majesty's Instructions.

3. Because the Merchants were well acquainted with the Act of Assembly made in 1755, to empower the Courts to settle the Exchange upon a Sterling judgment, before they presented their memorial at the Close of the year 1757, but they were then advised that this Act could not repeal or alter the Act made in 1749 for discharging the judgments at 25 *Ɔ* it having received the royal assent; for this reason they procured his Majesty's additional instruction in these words—"Our will and pleasure is, that you do forthwith recommend it earnestly to our Council and the House of Burgesses of our said Colony to pass an Act for amending the two Acts abovemention'd, and that they do thereby provide, that all debts contracted in Sterling money and become due before the Commencement of the said Acts respectively shall be dischargeable in Sterling money only, and that debts since contracted between our loving subjects of this Kingdom and the Inhabitants of our said Colony be made payable in the said bills of credit (if the Creditor shall be willing to receive the same and not otherwise) not according to their nominal value but according to the real difference of Exchange."

4. Because this instruction has not been complied with in any part of it, and we are of opinion it ought to be enforced for the support of credit in general, and the trading interest of *Great Britain* in particular. Our duty therefore to his Majesty, our attachment to the constitution of our Country, our Zeal in support of public credit and the trading interest of *Great Britain*, oblige us to give our dissent to this bill, and to enter upon record these our reasons to justify our conduct to posterity, and to shew them we used our endeavours to check the growth of those bitter herbs that will fall to their share.

William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Phil: Lud: Lee.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *George Mercer* that they had pass'd a Resolve that the sum of £100 be laid out in clothes and Presents to the *Tuscaroro* Indians as a Reward for their Attachment and faithful services to this Colony to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Cary* that they had pass'd a Bill intitled *an Act for preventing Mutiny and Desertion*. Also a Bill intitled *an Act for paying the Burgesses Wages in money for this present General Assembly*.

Also a Resolve for paying the Officers of the General Assembly for this Session, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intitled *an Act for preventing Mutiny and Desertion* was read the first Time, & order'd to be read a second and third time immediately; and the same was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The

The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in money for this present Session of Affembly* was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately, and the same was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Resolve for paying the Officers of the General Affembly for this Session, was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mentioned Bills, and also to the said Resolve.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bradley* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled an act to explain the Charter and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of Norfolk* and for other purposes therein mentioned, Also one other Act intituled *an Act for enlarging and ascertaining the Limits of the Borough of Norfolk and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Wednesday April 7th 1762.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *William Digges* that he was order'd to lay the inrolled Bills before the Council for their Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the said Bills to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly Attending, the Governor was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the seven enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., p. 58.]

Also to the following Resolves

1. That the sum of one hundred Pounds be paid by the public to Lieutenant *Thomas Gift* as a Reward for his Bravery as an Officer in the late *Virginia* Regiment and as a Recompence for a Wound he received in Colonel *Grant's* Engagement and the Hardships he underwent during a years Captivity by the Indians.

2. That the sum of one hundred Pounds be laid out in Clothes and Presents to the *Tuscaroro* Indians as a Reward for their attachment and faithful Services to this Colony.

3. For continuing the Printer's Salary.

4. For paying the Salaries of the Officers of the General Affembly.

And then his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The Chearfulness and Alacrity [See J. of H. of B., 1761-1765, pp. 58-59.]

N: Walthe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May* in the first Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the 3.^d by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c And in the Year of our Lord 1761. and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Tuesday* the 2^d of *November* 1762 and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* being the 4th Session of this General Assembly.

At a General Assembly Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May* in the first Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the 3^d by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith &c And in the Year of our Lord 1761. and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Tuesday* the 2^d of *November* 1762 and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* being the 4th Session of this General Assembly.

Tuesday November 2^d 1762.

Prefent

THE Honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter*, *Robert Burwell* Esq^{rs}

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending his Honor was pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

I have called you together [See J. of H. of B., 1761-1765, pp. 65-67.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech and the same was accordingly read.

Resolved

That an Address be prepared to return the Governor the thanks of this House for his Speech to join in his Honor's Congratulations on the Birth of an Heir apparent to the *British* Crown to acknowledge his Zeal for his Majesty's Service and to assure him they will concur in every Measure to maintain the rights of the Crown the Public Credit and Interest of the Country.

Ordered

That a Committee be appointed to draw an address pursuant to the said Resolution and it is referred to *Richard Corbin* *William Byrd* and *John Tayloe* Esq^{rs} to prepare the same.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Wednesday

Wednesday November 3^d 1762.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared an Address to the Governor which was read and agreed to and is as follows.

Sir,

We his Majesty's loyal and faithful Subjects the Council of *Virginia* beg leave to return your Honor our hearty and unfeigned thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech and at the same time to join in your Honours Congratulations on the Birth of an Heir apparent to the *British* Crown This Event must give the sincerest Joy to all his Majesty's Subjects and to every Friend of our present happy establishment in Church and State.

The many interesting Affairs which your Honor has recommended to the General Assembly at the opening of this Session we shall consider with that seriousness and attention and proceed with that Caution and Circumspection which the importance of them demands from us.

That active Zeal for his Majesty's Service which you have so clearly evidenced through the Course of your Administration we acknowledge with the warmest Gratitude and in order to remedy the Evils and Inconveniences which your Honor has pointed out to us we shall exert ourselves with Diligence and unanimity and cheerfully concur in every Measure to support the Public Credit and to fix it on a firm and permanent Foundation.

Permit us to give your Honor the strongest assurances of our inviolable Fidelity to his Majesty and our unshaken resolution to Maintain the just Rights of the Crown and the Interest of our Country which in Conformity to your own great Example and our indispensable Duty shall always be the first and Principal Object of our concern.

Order'd

That the said address be fairly transcribed and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

Then The House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Thursday November 4th 1762.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed according to Order waited on the Governor to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the address of this House and that his Honor answer'd he would receive the same this Day at one O'Clock in the Council Chamber.

Present The Governor

John Blair Esq^r in behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor to which his Honor was pleased to return the following answer.

Gentlemen of the Council

Nothing can give me greater satisfaction than your Assurances of an unshaken Fidelity to his Majesty and your resolution of maintaining his rights and the Interest of your Country, for which I return you my most sincere Thanks.

Your Affection to me has always made you look on my Actions with a favourable Eye which by my constant Conduct it shall always be my endeavour to retain.

Absent The Governor

Then the House adjourn'd til Tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Friday

(1287)

Friday November 5th 1762

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin,
William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The House met and adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Saturday Novem^r 6th 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and there being no Prospect of any Buifness for some Days on a Motion made for that purpose Adjourn'd till *Monday* the 22^d of this *Instant*.

Monday Novem^r 22^d 1762

Present

*J*OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd,
John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esq^{rs}
The House met and adjourn'd til tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Tuesday, Novem^r 23^d 1762

Present

*A*S YESTERDAY

The House met and on a Motion made and agreed to, Adjourned till
Tuesday next.

Tuesday Novem^r 30th 1762.

Present

*J*OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin,
William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter Esq^{rs}

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *George Johnson* that they had passed a
Bill intituled *An Act for enlarging the Town of Alexandria in the County of Fairfax*
to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr *William Cabel* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled
An Act to oblige the Justices of the County of Albemarle to refund to the Counties of Amherst
and Buckingham their just Proportion of the Money paid for Weights and Measures
before the Division of the said County of Albemarle to which they desir'd the concurrence
of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third
time immediately the said Bills were read accordingly a second & third time.

Resolved

That the said two Bills be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An*
Act for settling the bounds between the Parishes of Martins Brandon and Bristol in the
County of Prince George to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr *Joseph Gray* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An*
Act for dividing the Parish of Nottoway in the County of Southampton to which they
desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time and Ordered to be read a second and third
time immediately the said Bills were read accordingly a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for*
adding part of the County of King and Queen to the County of Caroline and for altering
the Court Day of the said County of King and Queen to which they desir'd the Concurrence
of the Council

A Message by Mr *Lemuel Riddick* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An*
Act for building a Bridge over Nottoway River from the Land of Jesse Brown by Subscrip-
tion to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which two Bills were read the first time and Ordered to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bills were read accordingly a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *an Act to empower the Vestry of the Parish of St Patrick in the County of Prince Edward to levy for Thomas Wood a reasonable Satisfaction for his Expenses in building a Church there which was burnt down before it was finished.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Parish of Accomack in the County of Accomack into two distinct Parishes.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the Vestry of the Parish of Hampshire in the County of Hampshire and electing a new Vestry in the said Parish to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council*

Which three Bills were read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bills were read accordingly a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said three Bills be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr George Mercer that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing the Town of Mecklinburg in the County of Frederick to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr Landon Carter that they had pass'd a Resolve that Colonel William Peachy be allowed one Years pay as Lieutenant Colonel in consideration of his past Services to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd til tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Wednesday Decem^r 1st 1762

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin,
William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The House met and adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Thursday Decem^r 2^d 1762

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Friday

(1290)

Friday Decem^r 3^d 1762.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin,
William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r
The House met and having no Buiness on a Motion made Adjourned till
Monday 12 O'Clock.

Monday Decem^r 6th 1762.

Present

AS FRIDAY
The House met and adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Tuesday Decem^r 7th 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY
A Message from the House of Burgeesses that they had pass'd a Bill intituled
*an Act for appointing Directors and Trustees of the Town of Blandford in the
County of Prince George and to prevent Hogs running at large therein.*
Also a Bill intituled *An Act for the more effectual keeping the Public Roads and Bridges
in Repair* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.
Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Wednesday Decem^r 8th 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.
The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing Directors & Trustees of the Town of
Blandford in the County of Prince George and to prevent Hogs from running
at large therein* was read the first time and Ordered to be read a second and
third time immediately.
The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.
Resolved
That the said Bill be agreed to
The Bill intituled *an Act for the more effectual keeping the Public Roads and Bridges
in repair* was read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.
The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time and two Amendments being pro-
pos'd and agreed to it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time with the
Amendments.
The said Bill was accordingly read a third time with the Amendments.
Resolved
That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.
Order'd
That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Council
have agreed to the first of the said two last mention'd Bills without any Amendment
and to the second with Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.
Adjourned til 12 O'Clock Tomorrow

Thursday

Thursday Decem^r 9th 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgeffes by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that they had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for directing and better regulating the Elections of Burgeffes for settling their Privileges and for ascertaining their Allowances* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time and on a Motion made ordered to be read a second Time tomorrow.

A Message from the Burgeffes by *Mr Richard Bland* that they had pass'd a Resolve to allow *Larkin Chew* One hundred Pounds and Forty Pounds *per annum* during his Life to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve to allow *William Bronaugh* a Years pay as Captain in the *Virginia* Regiment to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Both which resolves were read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk carry down the said Resolves and acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the Burgeffes by *Mr Archibald Cary* that they had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *an Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be [read] a second Time to morrow.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Friday Decem^r 10th 1762.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}*

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for directing and better regulating the Elections of Burgeffes for settling their Privileges and for ascertaining their Allowances* was read a second time and ordered to be read a third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels* was read a second time and on the question put that the said Bill be read a third time *it pass'd in the Negative*

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message from the Burgeffes by *Mr Edmund Pendleton* that they had pass'd the Treasurers's Accounts.

Ordered

That the said Accounts be referred to *William Nelson Richard Corbin and Presley Thornton Esq^{rs}* to be examin'd.

A Message by *George Mercer Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve to allow Major *Andrew Lewis* the sum of £350 to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Saturday

Saturday Decem^r. 11th 1762

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Bland* that they had agreed to one of the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for the more effectual keeping the Public Roads and Bridges in Repair* and disagreed to the other and desire the Council will recede from the Amendment disagreed to.

The Council immediately took the said Amendment disagreed to by the Burgeffes into Consideration and on the Question put receded from the same.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they had pass'd a Resolve for allowing the Honorable *William Byrd Esq^r* £500. for the Services therein mentioned.

Also a Resolve for allowing Mr *George Mercer* £500 for the Services therein mentioned.

Also a Resolve for allowing the several Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment six Months pay

Also a Resolve for allowing the Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment the several Sums therein mentioned, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which four Resolves were read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

William Nelson Esq^r laid before the House the Proceedings of the Committee of Correspondence.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* 12 O'Clock.

Monday December 13th 1762

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}*

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Pendleton* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Ralph Wormeley Esq^r is seised and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same uses* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and Order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of notice it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for regulating Ordinaries and Restraint of Tipling Houses*. Also a Bill intituled *An Act for disposing of the Public Stores of Gunpowder in the Magazine in the City of Williamfburg*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act to Amend An Act intituled An Act for regulating Ordinaries and Restraint of Tipling Houses* was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a Second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

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The Bill intitl'd *An Act for disposing of the Public Stores of Gunpowder in the Magazine in the City of Williamsburg* was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and an Amendment being propos'd and made at the Table it was order'd that the said Bill as amend'd be read a third [time] the said Bill with the amendment was read accordingly a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill as amend'd be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to the first of the two last mention'd Bills without any Amendment and to the second with an Amendment to which they desire their Concurrence.

A Message by Mr Wythe that the Burgeesses had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to amend the Act for encouraging Arts and Manufactures* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and order'd to be committed for Amendments.

William Nelson Esq^r reported that the Committee appointed had according to order examin'd the Trefurer's Accounts and found them fairly stated and that the following Ballances are due from him, Viz^t,

On Account of Trefury Notes for £19750 iff ^d in April 1762.....	£2200 .. 6 .. 6
On Account of D ^o for Bills of Exchange drawn on the Agents since last Settlement.....	10341 .. 10 .. 1
On Account of the Indian Trade.....	2500
On Account of Public Treasury for Liquors & Slaves.....	5666 .. 15 .. 8
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	£20708 .. 12 .. 3

They further observe that the Account intitl'd *the Treasury Account* tho' brought down to the 10th of October 1762. Yet they find no Monies received for this present Year 1762 except the Duties on Liquors till the 25th of April and some small Sums on Account of Writs and ordinary Licences for 1761. and 1762.

Resolv'd

That the said Accounts be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses therewith

A Message by Richard Henry Lee Esq^r that the Burgeesses had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for the relief of insolvent Debtors and for the effectual Discovery and more equal Distribution of their Estates* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr George Mercer that the Burgeesses had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for establishing the Town of Romney in the County of Hampshire and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr Edmund Pendleton that the Burgeesses had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Henry Scarborough is seised in Feetail and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Tuesday, Decem^r. 14th 1762

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for the relief of insolvent Debtors for the effectual Discovery and more equal Distribution of their Estates* was read the first time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be read a second Time tomorrow.

The

The Bill intitl'd *An Act to amend the Act for encouraging Arts and Manufactures* was read a third time with amendments.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourn'd till 11 O'Clock To Morrow.

Wednesday December 15th 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Bill intitl'd *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Henry Scarborough is feifed in Fee tail and for other purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first time.

Ordered

That the second reading of the said Bill be put off to *Tuesday* next.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for Relief of insolvent Debtors for the effectual discovery and more equal Distribution of their Estates* was read a second time and Order'd to be read a third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till 11 O'Clock Tomorrow

Thursday Decem^r. 16th 1762

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourn'd till 11 O'Clock Tomorrow.

Friday Dec^r. 17th 1762

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for establishing the Town of Romney in the County of Hampshire and for other purposes therein mentioned* was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve that the Sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling be paid by the Treasurer of this Colony out of the Public Money in his Hands to the Governors and Visitors of *William and Mary* College to be applied by them towards purchasing a proper Apparatus for the
Instruction

Instruction of the Students of the said College in natural and experimental Philosophy to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd.

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Benjamin Harrison* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for Inspecting Pork Beef Flour Tar Pitch and Turpentine* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time and order'd to be committed for Amendments.

Then the House adjourn'd till 11 O'clock Tomorrow.

Saturday Decem^r. 18th 1762.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Attorney* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for further amending the Act* for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second & third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Wythe* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act* for encouraging Arts and Manufactures.

A Message by Mr *Bradley* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing Pilots and regulating their Fees* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and Ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Clement Read* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Prince Edward and Lunenburg* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mentioned Bills.

The Bill intituled *An Act for inspecting Pork Beef Flour Tar Pitch and Turpentine* was read a third time with Amendments.

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their Concurrence.

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to confirm and establish an Agreement made between James Scott the Elder Clerk and James Scott the Younger his Son* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice it was Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.—*Resolved* that the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *Mr Walker* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for establishing the Town of Charlotville in the County of Albemarle*. Also a Bill intitl'd *An Act for building a Bridge over the North Branch of James River in the County of Albemarle* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bills were read the first Time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said two Bills be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *Mr Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to Amend the Act intitl'd An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills Hedges or Stone Stops on fundry Rivers therein mentioned to make Openings or Slopes therein for the passage of Fish and for other Purposes therein mentioned*. Also a Bill intitl'd *An Act for regulating the Gold Coin of the German Empire* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said two Bills be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *Mr George Johnston* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for adding Part of the Parish of Cameron to the Parish of Truro* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message by *Mr Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd the Book of Claims and a Refolve for paying several Sums mention'd in a Schedule to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the Book of the Claims and the said Refolve.

A Message by *Mr Bradley* that the Burgeffes have disagreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill intitl'd *An Act for inspecting Pork Beef Flour Tar Pitch and Turpentine* and desire they will agree to the Bill without any Amendment. The Council immediately took the said Amendments into Consideration and insist'd upon the same.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council insist upon their Amendments to the said Bill and desire they will recede from their disagreement.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to empower the Vestry of the Parish of Bruton to sell certain Lotts in the City of Williamsburg for the purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Then the House adjourn'd till *Monday Morning 11 O'Clock*

Monday, Decem^r. 20th 1762.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r

A Message by Mr Archibald Cary that the Burgeffes had pass'd the Book of Proportions to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr Wythe that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for establishing the Town of Hanover in the County of Hanover* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill and also to the Book of Proportions.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for further continuing the Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Infurrections into one Act.* Also a Resolve for continuing the Printers Salary to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

The Resolve for continuing the Printers Salary was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the last mentioned Bill and Resolve.

A Message by Mr Fleming that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *an Act for enlarging the Town of Petersburg and for other Purposes therein mentioned* to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr George Mercer that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve to allow James Duncanson forty Pounds *per Annum* during his Life to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message by Mr *Bradley* that the Burgeffes infist on their Disagreement to the Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill intitl'd *An Act for infpe&ing Pork Beef Flour Tar Pitch and Turpentine* and defire the Council will recede from the faid Amendments.

The Council immediately reconfidered their faid Amendments and on the Queftion put receded from the fame.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Wythe* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to veft certain Lands therein mentioned in James Hubard and fettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value in lieu thereof* to which they defir'd the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read the firft time and order'd to be read a fecond time immediately; the faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond time.

Order'd

That the faid Bill be committed for Amendments.

Then the Houfe adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 O'Clock

Tuesday Decem^r. 21st 1762

Preſent

A S YESTERDAY

The Bill intitl'd *An Act to veft certain Lands therein mentioned in James Hubard and fettling other Lands & Slaves of greater Value in lieu thereof* the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice was read a third time with Amendments.

Reſolv'd

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments and defire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Henry Scarburgh is ſeiſed in Fee tail and for other purpoſes therein mentioned* was read a fecond time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice was order'd to be read a third time immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Reſolv'd

That the faid Bill be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for amending and further continuing the Act for the better regulating and diſcipling the Militia* Alſo a Bill intitl'd *An Act for eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries* to which they defir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the firft time and order'd to be read a fecond time immediately. The faid Bills were accordingly read a fecond time, And an Amendment being propoſed and made at the Table to each it was ordered that the faid Bills as amended be read a third time immediately. The faid Bills were accordingly read a third time as amended.

Reſolv'd

That the faid Bill[s] as amended be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two laſt mentioned Bills with an Amendment to each and defire their Concurrence thereto.

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A Message by Mr *Benjamin Harrison* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve that the Committee of Correspondence be directed to write to the Agent and desire that he will use his endeavours to obtain An Act of Parliament for importing Salt from *Europe* into this Colony. Which Resolve was agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the better and more regular collecting the Public Taxes* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time and an Amendment being propos'd and agreed to and made at the Table it was order'd that the said Bill as amended be read a third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read with the Amendment a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for raising a public Levy*. Also a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which two Bills were read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bills be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mention'd Bills.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 O'Clock.

Wednesday Decem^r 22^d 1762

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Bland* that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for the better and more regular collecting the Public Taxes*.

A Message by Mr *Wythe* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain Lands therein mentioned in James Hubbard and settling other Lands and Slaves of greater value in lieu thereof*.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments made to the Bill intituled *an Act for establishing several new Ferries* And that they had made Amendments to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for amending and further continuing the Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia* and desire the Council will pass the Bill with the Amendments as amended by them.

The Council immediately consider'd the said Amendments made by the Burgeffes and on the Question put agreed thereto.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to empower Carter Henry Harrison Gentleman to build a Mill on Willis's Creek in the County*
of

of Cumberland. Also a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal An Act made in the 22^d Year of his late Majesty's Reign intituled An Act concerning Strays and to establish a more effectual Method to prevent frauds committed by Persons taking up Strays*, To which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mentioned Bills.

A Message by Mr *Benjamin Harrison* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend the severall Acts of Assembly of this Colony for licencing Pedlars and preventing frauds in the Duties upon Skins and Furs* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately: The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act declaring Slaves to be Personal Estate and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time and ordered to be read a third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message by Mr *George Mercer* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing Commissioners to examine and state an Account of the Claims and Demands of all Persons whose Timber was taken for erecting Fort Loudoun* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time, *it pass'd in the Negative*.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the respective Vestries of the Parishes of St Andrew in the County of Brunswick and Frederick in the County of Frederick to Sell their Glebe Lands* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning 11 O'Clock.

Thursday

Thursday Decem^r. 23^d. 1762.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by M^r *Fleming* that he was order'd by the House of Burgeffes to lay the inrolled Bills before the Council for their Inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them, the Council are satisfied that the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending his Honor was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 44 Acts enumerated, see J. of H. of B., pp. 164-165.]

Also to the following Resolves [For the 11 enumerated Resolves, see J. of H. of B. pp. 165-166.]

And then his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The Fatigue you have sustained [See J. of H. of B., p. 166.]

A true Copy

N: Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *tuesday* the 26th of *May* in the 1st year of the reign of our sovereign Lord *George* the 3d, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland* King, defender of the Faith &c, and in the year of our Lord 1761; and from thence continued by several prorogations to *thursday* the 19th of *May* 1763, in the 3d, year of his Majesty's Reign, and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the 5th session of this General-Assembly.

At a General Affembly, fummoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *tuesday* the 26th of *May* in the 1st year of the reign of our fovereign Lord *George* the 3d, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland* King, defender of the Faith &c, and in the year of our Lord 1761; and from thence continued by feveral prorogations to *thursday* the 19th of *May* 1763, in the 3d, year of his Majesty's Reign, and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the 5th felfion of this General-Affembly.

Thursday May 19th 1763.

Present

THE Honourable *Francis Fauquier* Efquire his Majefty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *Robert Carter*, *Robert Burwell* Efq^{rs}

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Governour commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his honour was pleafed to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,

I have called you together [See J. of H. of B., 1761-1765, pp. 171-172.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governour.

Ordered

That the Clerk read the Governour's Speech, and the fame was accordingly read.

Resolved,

That an Addrefs be prepared to return the Governour the Thanks of this Houfe for his Speech to exprefs their concern on hearing that their conduct has in any instance been difapproved of by his Majefty, or his Minifters, to fignify that in the feveral neceffary emiffions of Paper Money fuch funds were eftablifhed as they then thought and ftill hope will be, fufficient for the finking thereof at the periods prefcribed; and alfo their readinefs to concur in any meafures that fhall be judged further expedient to ftrengthen the credit of the Paper currency, and fatisfy all concerned therein and likewise to testify their joy on the conclufion of a moft glorious Peace.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Addrefs purfuant to the faid Refolution, and it is referred to *Thomas Nelson* and *Richard Corbin* Efq^{rs} to prepare it

The faid Gentlemen immediately withdrew, and returning in a fhort Time, *Thomas Nelson* Efq^r reported that they had according to Order prepared an Addrefs to the Governour which was read and agreed to, and is as follows,

Sir,

We his Majefty's moft dutiful Subjects, the Council of *Virginia* now met in General-Affembly return your honour our fincereft Thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Seflion.

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It is with great concern we hear that any part of our conduct hath met with the disapprobation of his Majesty or his Ministers. As it hath ever been the intention of the Legislature of *Virginia* to proceed upon Principles of Justice and equity, we did, in the several emissions of Paper Money, which the unhappy Circumstances of our Country made indispensably necessary, to enable Us to comply with his Majesty's pressing Requisitions, establish such funds as we then thought, and still hope will be sufficient for the sinking thereof at the several periods prescribed. However, since they have been judged inadequate to that end we are ready and willing to concur in any measures that shall be further necessary, to give stability to the credit of our currency, and satisfaction to all who are concerned therein. We receive with great joy the glad tidings of a Peace, that will add fresh lustre to the glories of his Majesty's Reign, enlarge the commerce of his subjects, and bring lasting security to his wide extended Dominions; and we most heartily congratulate your honour thereupon.

Ordered,

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governour to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

Friday May the 20th 1763.

Present.

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order waited on the Governour to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House and that his Honour answered he would receive the same this Day at one o'Clock in the Council Chamber.

Present The Governour,

John Blair Esq^r in behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governour, to which his Honour was pleased to make the following answer.

Gentlemen of the Council,

As I have long been convinced that it has always been the intention of the legislature of *Virginia* to Act on every occasion upon Principles of Justice and equity I could not entertain the least doubt of your readiness to concur in every measure which should be thought further necessary to establish the same.

The assurances you now give me of your willingness to engage in such measures, afford me the greatest degree of satisfaction, for which I return you my most sincere thanks.

Absent The Governour.

Then the House adjourned till 12 o'Clock tomorrow

Saturday May the 21st 1763.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The House met and adjourned till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday May the 23^d 1763.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The House met and adjourned till 12 o'Clock tomorrow.

Tuesday

(1307)

Tuesday May 24th 1763.

Present

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S YESTERDAY.

The House met and adjourned till 12 o'Clock tomorrow.

Wednesday May the 25th 1763.

Present

A

S YESTERDAY,

The House met and having no business adjourned till 12 o'Clock tomorrow.

Thursday May the 26th 1763.

Present

A

S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Richard Bland* that they had passed a Bill intituled *an Act for further continuing and amending the Act intituled an Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgesses therewith.

Then the House adjourned till 12 o'Clock tomorrow.

Friday May the 27th 1763.

Present

A

S YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgesses by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Stafford and Chesterfield*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses therewith.

Then the House adjourned till 12 o'Clock to morrow.

Saturday May the 28th 1763.

Present

A

S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the Burgesses by Mr *Charles Carter* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and appropriating the additional Duty upon Slaves and the Taxes upon Wheel Carriages Ordinary Licenses and Original Procefs and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Charles Carter* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal An Act intituled "An Act for the relief of insolvent Debtors for the effectual discovery and more equal distribution of their Estates;*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Day of the County of Gloucester,* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately; the said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry down the three last mention'd Bills, and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the same.

A Message by Mr *Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intituled *An Act for giving the sheriffs a more effectual remedy against their Undersheriffs and securities for Moneys received by them for his Majesty's Quit Rents and on Executions and other Procefs* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Benjamin Grymes* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for amending the Act intituled An Act for enlarging the Towns of Fredericksburg and Winchester the City of Williamsburg and Town of Dumfries and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council; which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to reduce the Duty on Northern Rum.*

Also a Resolve for allowing the Officers of the General Assembly the several Sums therein mentioned, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act to reduce the Duty on Northern Rum,* was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Resolve for allowing the Officers of the General-Assembly the several sums therein mentioned, was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the last mentioned Bill and Resolve.

A Message by Mr *Edmund Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to empower John Richards Gentleman to keep a Ferry to and from the Town of Leeds in the County of King George,*

Also

Also several Resolves for allowing some of the Officers and Soldiers of the late *Virginia* Regiment the sums therein mentioned to which they desired the concurrence of the Council. Which said Resolves were read and agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to empower John Richards Gentleman to keep a Ferry to and from the Town of Leeds in the County of King George* was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to the last mentioned Bill, and Resolves.

Richard Corbin Esq^r brought in a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a better method of appointing Sheriffs*, which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a 2^d time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* 12 o'Clock

Monday May the 30th 1763.

Present,

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton Esq^{rs}*

An engross'd Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a better method of appointing Sheriffs*, was read the third Time,

Resolved

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Council have passed the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Burgeesses by Mr *Attorney* that they had pass'd a Resolve for allowing *Joseph Royle* £350 *per Annum* for the purposes therein mentioned, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses therewith.

A Message from the Burgeesses by Mr *Attorney* that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act To empower the common Hall of the Borough of Norfolk to assess such Taxes from time to time on the inhabitants thereof as shall be sufficient for keeping and supporting a nightly Watch and erecting Lamps within the limits of the same*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second & third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to the two last mentioned Bills.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had passed a Resolve that *Lucy Galt* be paid by the Public five Pounds for the services therein mentioned to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for adding fundry Persons to the Committee appointed to correspond with the Agent of this Colony*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

A Message by Mr *Edmund Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a better method of appointing Sheriffs*.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had passed a Resolve that the sum of £453: 3: 2 be paid to *James Gunn* for his Company of Artificers pay and that he shall be obliged to account for the Disbursement of the same upon Oath and produce the discharges of the several Claimants to the next session of Assembly; to which they desired the concurrence of the Council—

Tuesday May the 31st 1763.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Resolve for paying £453: 3: 2 to *James Gunn* for the Purposes therein mentioned was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Richard Corbin Esq^r moved to present an Address to the Governour on the subject of his honour's speech, which was read, and, after some amendments made at the Table, agreed to, and is as follows,

Sir,

At the opening of this Session your honour communicated to the General-Assembly several Resolutions of the right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations of high concern and importance to the Public Credit of the Colony, and the Commerce of *Great Britain*.

The experience and extensive knowledge of their Lordships in all matters relating to Credit Trade and Commerce, hath very justly given them great weight and influence in all the Councils of *Great Britain*, and we shall always shew a proper regard to their Determinations.

The Board of Trade have so fully expressed themselves on the subject of our Paper Money as a legal tender in all Payments, that we should chearfully have given our concurrence in every Measure for the better support of its credit. But as all Bills relative to money-affairs must take their rise in the House of Burgeffes, all that is now in the Power of the Council to do for the support of Credit, his Majesty's Revenue, and the Trading Interest, is to give your honour the strongest Assurance of our inviolable fidelity to his Majesty, and our unshaken resolution of adhering to his late Majesty's Instructions.

Ordered,

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that *Richard Corbin*, and *Robert Carter Esq^r* wait on the Governour with it.

Then the said Members withdrew.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Wythe that he was ordered to bring up the inrolled Bills for their Honour's Inspection.

The Gentlemen appointed to wait on the Governour with the above Addrefs, being returned, *Richard Corbin Esq^r* reported they had according to Order presented the said Addrefs to the Governour, to which he was pleased to return the following Answer

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my thanks for your assurances of your fidelity to his Majesty, and your Resolution of adhering to his Instructions; and I wish it had been put in your Power to have shewn that fidelity and that Resolution by Acts, which you can only do by Professions.

Ordered

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills and Resolves to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied they are truly inrolled.

Present The Governour,

Ordered,

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governour commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending his honour was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 13 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 196-197.]

And also to the following Resolves. [For the 5 enumerated Resolves, see J. of H. of B., p. 197.]

And then his Honour was pleased to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes

When I called you together, [See J. of H. of B., p. 197.]

A true Copy

N. Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May*, in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c and in the Year of our Lord 1761, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 12th *January* 1764, and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the 6th Session of this General-Assembly.

At a General Affembly Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May*, in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c and in the Year of our Lord 1761, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 12th *January* 1764, and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the 6th Seflion of this General-Affembly.

Thursday January 12th 1764.

Present

THE Honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Peter Randolph*, *William Byrd*, *Robert Carter*, *Robert Burwell* Esquires.

Order'd

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor Commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

My principal reason [See J. of H. of B., 1761-1765, pp. 203-204.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Order'd

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech, and the same was read accordingly.

Resolv'd

That an Addrefs be prepar'd to return his Honor the Thanks of this House for his Speech—to congratulate him on his return from, and fuccess at the congress with the Southern Indians—and to assure him of their chearful concurrence in any methods which shall be judg'd most effectual for the defence of the Country against the hostile designs of their Enemies.

Order'd

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Addrefs pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is referr'd to *William Byrd* and *Robert Carter* Esq^s to prepare it.

Then the House adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock to morrow.

Friday

(1316)

Friday Jan^y 13th 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

William Byrd Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to order prepar'd an Address to the Governor. which Address was read, and agreed to, as follows;

Sir,

We his Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General-Assembly, return your Honor our sincere Thanks for your kind Speech at the opening of this Session. Permit us at the same time, *Sir*, to congratulate you on your safe return to your Government, and upon the success with which you have, in conjunction with the other Governor's, executed his Majesty's Commands at the Congress with the Southern Indians. The cruelties and Murders which had been committed by the Northern Indians on our fellow subjects, call'd loudly upon the Council to advise your Honor to order out a part of the Militia for their defence and protection; and as the manner in which you have endeavour'd to do this is truly constitutional, and in consequence of the power intrusted to you by the Invasion Law, we persuade ourselves that the expenses, tho' great, will be borne with cheerfulness. The same motives of compassion, and justice to the unhappy sufferers, which induced the Council to advise you to this Measure, will always have great Weight with us, whilst the danger remains; and will incline us to give a ready and willing concurrence to any other methods of defence, that may be judg'd most effectual, and less expensive to the People.

Order'd

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be pleas'd to receive it.

Then the House adjourn'd till 12 o'Clock to morrow.

Saturday Jan^y 14th 1764.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

William Byrd Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to order waited on the Governor to know when and where he would be pleas'd to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honor answer'd he would receive it this day at one o'Clock in the Council-Chamber.

Present The Governor

John Blair Esq^r in the behalf of the Council deliver'd their address to the Governor, to which his Honor was pleas'd to return the following Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my hearty Thanks for your affectionate congratulations on my safe return into this Colony, and the success which has attended the conferences at *Augusta*.

The sollicitude you have, on all occasions, shewn to protect the back Inhabitants from any outrages from the Indians, by every legal method, in your power, would have left me no room to doubt of your willingness to enter into any measure propos'd for their future security, even though you had not given me the present assurances of your readiness to concur therein,

Absent The Governor

Then the House adjourn'd till *Monday* 12 o'Clock.

Monday Jan^y 16th 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

The House met and adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday

(1317)

Tuesday Jan^{ry} 17th 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin,
William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The House met and having no business, adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday Jan^{ry} 18th 1764.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intituled, *An Act for discontinuing the Warehouses on the South side of Nomini River and establishing others at a more convenient Landing*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first Time and order'd to be read a second and Third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *Mr Edmund Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve that the Sum of £361: 17: 6 be paid to Lieutenant *Alexander Waugh* for the pay of Captain *Edward Hubbard's* Company of Artificers and that the said *Waugh* shall be oblig'd to account for the Disbursements of the same upon Oath and produce the Discharges of the several Claimants to the next Session of Assembly, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council, which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday Jan^{ry} 19th 1764.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by *Mr Bradley* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intituld, *An Act to impower the Vestry of the Parish of Elizabeth River in the County of Norfolk to purchase and improve Lotts in the Borough of Norfolk for the use of the Minister instead of a Glebe and to pay their Minister's Salary in Money instead of Tobacco*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday Jan^{ry} 20th 1764.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by *Mr Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intituld, *An Act to impower the Corporation of the City of Williamsburg to assess Taxes on the Inhabitants thereof for the purposes therein mention'd and for repealing a certain Act of Assembly therein also mentioned.*

Also

Alfo a Bill, intituld, *An Act for appointing Commiffioners to examine and ftate the Accounts of the Militia lately order'd out into a^ctual Service and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*, to which they defir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which two Bills were read the firft Time, and order'd to be read a fecond and third time immediately.

The faid Bills were accordingly read a fecond and third Time.

Refolv'd

That the faid two Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill, intituld, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Charles Carter Efqr is feifed and for fettling other Lands of greater value to the fame ufes* to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft time, and order'd to be read a fecond time immediately; the faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond Time and the Allegations being prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certifcates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was order'd that the faid Bill be read a third time immediately; the faid Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Refolv'd

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill, intituld, *An Act to veft certain intail'd Lands whereof William Cary is feifed in Allen Jones in Fee-Simple, and for fettling other Lands and Slaves to be purchas'd in lieu thereof*, to which they defir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the firft Time, and order'd to be read a fecond time immediately; the faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond Time; and the Allegations being proved to the fatisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of notice, it was order'd that the faid Bill be read a third time immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Refolv'd

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill, intituld, *An Act to dire^ct the Sale of certain intail'd Lands whereof John Spotfwood Efqr died fiefed for paiment of the Debts due from him and the Eftate of Major General Alexander Spotfwood*, to which they defir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft time, and order'd to be read a fecond time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond Time, and the allegations being prov'd to the fatisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was order'd that the faid Bill be read a third time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Refolv'd

That the faid Bill be agreed to; and it was order'd that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill.

A Meffage by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Refolve to pay *Joseph Royle* Printer £375 *per Annum* for the Services therein mention'd, to which they defir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Refolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage by Mr *Flemming* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill, intitul'd, *An Act to enable certain Adventurers to drain a large Tract of Marfhy Grounds in the Counties of*
Nanfemond

Nansemond and Norfolk, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr Claiborne that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intitl'd, *An Act to empower the Vestry of the Parish of Bath in the County of Dinwiddie to sell their Glebe and purchase a more convenient one*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mention'd Bills.

A Message by Mr Joseph Gray that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intitl'd, *An Act to enable the Nottoway and Nansemond Indians to sell certain Lands and for other purposes therein mention'd*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and on the Question put, that the said Bill be read a second time, *it pass'd in the Negative*.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr Israel Christian that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intitl'd, *An Act for opening and clearing a Road thro' Rock-Fish Gap over the Mountains*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Archibald Cary that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intitl'd, *An Act for amending An Act intitl'd, An Act for amending and further continuing the several Acts of Assembly of this Colony for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Archibald Cary that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intitl'd, *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time, and on a Question put that the said Bill be read a second time, *it pass'd in the Negative*.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr Charles Carter that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intitl'd, *An Act for establishing a Ferry from the Land of Thomas Caffon over Rappahanock River to the opposite Shore in Caroline*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Richard Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve that the Sum of £30 be paid by the Treafurer to *Peter Pelham* for performing on the Organ in the Church of *Williamsburg* during the session and for keeping the same in Order, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till to morrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday Jan^y 21st 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill, intituld, *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Lancaster, Gloucester, Chesterfield and Warwick* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council, Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a Second and third Time immediately; The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd the following Resolves, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council, viz.

That the sum of two Hundred Pounds be paid to *John Dickenson* as a compensation for the loss of the use of his Hand in the service of the Country.

That the said *John Dickenson* be allow'd £64: 18— for Services therein mention'd.

That the Sum of £20 be paid to *Robert Andrews* to enable him to discharge the demand of the Doctor and other Expenses incurr'd by the Wounds he receiv'd in the Service of his Country.

That the Sum of £10 *per Annum* be paid to the said *Robert Andrews* for his support during his Life in consideration of the loss of the use of his right Arm in the Service.

That *James Wilson* and *Robert Clandening* be allow'd the Sum of £40 each to enable them to discharge the demands of the Doctor and other expenses incurred by the Wounds they receiv'd in the Service of their Country.

That the said *James Wilson* and *Robert Clandening* be allow'd ten Pounds each *per Annum* for their Support during their Lives they having both lost the use of their right Arm in the said Service.

That *Joseph Terry* and *Joseph Winston* be allow'd the Sum of £25 each to enable them to discharge the Doctor's Accounts and to recompense them for their loss of Time after they were disbanded while they continued lame of the Wounds they receiv'd in the service of the Public.

That *Robert Goodwin* be allow'd the Sum of £11—7—6, the expenses he incurred from the Wounds he received in the Service of his Country.

Also

Also a Resolve for allowing the Officers of the General Affembly the feveral Sums therein mention'd.

All which Resolves were read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage by Mr *Wythe* that he was order'd to bring up the inroll'd Bills and Resolves for their Honors' Infpection.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the inroll'd Bills and Resolves and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council are fatisfied they are truly inroll'd.

Present The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them fuch Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Affent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleas'd to give his Affent to the following Bills. [For the 13 Acts enumerated, fee J. of H. of B., pp. 221-222.]

And alfo to the following Resolves.

For paying the Sum of £361—17—6 to *Alexander Waugh* for the Pay of Captain *Edward Hubbard's* Company of Artificers.

For allowing *Joseph Royle*, Printer £375 *per Annum* for the Services therein mention'd.

For paying £200 to *John Dickenson* as a Compenfation for the lofs of the Ufe of his Hand, and the Sum of £64—18— for Services therein mentioned.

For paying £20 to *Robert Andrews* for the purpofes therein mention'd, and ten pounds *per Annum* during his Life.

For allowing *James Wilfon* and *Robert Clandening* £40, each for the purpofes therein mention'd, and ten Pounds *per Ann* during their Lives.

For allowing *Joseph Terry* and *Joseph Winfton* £25 each for the purpofes therein mentioned.

For allowing *Robert Goodwin* £11—7—6 for the purpofes therein mention'd.

For paying *Peter Pelham* £30 for his Services therein mention'd.

For allowing the Officers of the General Affembly the Sums therein mention'd.

And then his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

As you have gone thro' all the Bufinefs [See J. of H. of B., p. 222.]

A true Copy

N. Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May*, in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c And in the Year of our Lord 1761; and from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to *Tuesday* the 30th of *October*, 1764, and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the seventh Session of this General Assembly.

At a General Assembly Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Tuesday* the 26th of *May*, in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c And in the Year of our Lord 1761; and from thence continued by several Prorogations, to *Tuesday* the 30th *October*, 1764, and then held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*; being the seventh Session of this General Assembly.

Tuesday October 30th 1764.

Present

THE Honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r his Majesty's Lieut: Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter*, *Presley Thornton*, *Robert Burwell* Esq^{rs}

Ordered

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber,

The Burgeffes attending accordingly his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

You are now met in General Assembly [See J. of H. of B., 1761-1765, pp. 227-228.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech and the same was read accordingly.

Resolved

That an address be prepared to return his Honor the Thanks of this House for his Speech—to express their grateful Sense of his just Administration—and to assure him of their chearful concurrence in such measures as they shall judge conducive to the Honor of the Crown and the Good of this Country.

Ordered

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution and it is referred to *Philip Ludwell Lee* and *Robert Carter* Esq^{rs} to prepare it.

Then the House adjourned till 12 O'Clock tomorrow

Wednesday

Wednesday October 31st 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r

Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to order prepared an Address to the Governor which was read and agreed to, and is as follows,

Sir,

We his Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly beg leave to return your Honor our sincere thanks for your very kind Speech at the opening of this Session.

Highly sensible of the importance of the Business recommended to our consideration we shall most cheerfully concur in such measures as we shall judge conducive to Maintain the Honor of the Crown and promote the Prosperity of this Country. Your regard for the Welfare of this Colony is too well known to admit of a doubt therefore permit us, *Sir*, to express our grateful Sense of your just administration & to assure your Honor of our readiness to render it easy and agreeable.

Ordered

That the said Address be fairly transcribed and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

Then the House adjourned til 12 O'Clock tomorrow.

Thursday November 1st 1764

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order waited on the Governor to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House and that his Honor answered he would receive it this Day at one O'Clock in the Council Chamber.

Present The Governor

John Blair Esq^r in behalf of the Council delivered their Address to the Governor to which his Honor was pleased to return the following Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council

I return You thanks for your very Affectionate Address You may rely on my endeavours to render my Administration just and equitable and nothing can more effectually contribute to make it easy to me than your hearty concurrence in measures calculated to promote the Honor of the Crown and the prosperity of the Colony both of which I have much at Heart

Absent The Governor

Then the House adjourned til 12 O'Clock tomorrow

Friday November 2^d 1764.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till 12 o'Clock tomorrow.

Saturday November 3^d 1764.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned to *Monday* 12 O'Clock

Monday

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Monday November 5th 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin,
William Byrd, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The House met and for want of business adjourned till 12 o'Clock tomorrow

Tuesday November 6th 1764

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and having no business on a Motion made for that purpose
adjourned to *Thursday* fortnight.

Thursday November 22^d 1764

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert
Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr *John West* that the House of Burgesses had passed a Bill
intituled *an Act for dividing the Parish of Truro in the County of Fairfax* to which
they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr *Clement* read that the Burgesses had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act
for dividing the County of Lunenburg into three distinct Counties* to which they desired
the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday November 23^d 1764

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Parish of Truro in the County
of Fairfax* was read a second time and ordered to be Read a third time imme-
diately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of Lunenburg into three distinct
Counties* was read a second time and ordered to be read a third time immediately the
said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to
the said two Bills.

Then the House adjourned to *Tuesday* next 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday November 27th 1764

Present

AS BEFORE

The House met and having no business before them nor a prospect of
any for several days to come on a Motion made for that purpose,

Adjourned to *Tuesday* next 12 o'Clock

Tuesday December 4th 1764

Prefent

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^s

A Meffage from the Burgeffes by M^r Archibald Cary that they had pafs'd a Bill intitl'd *an Act for establishing the Landing Place from Frafer's Ferry at the Causeway oppofite thereto*. Also a Bill intitl'd *An Act for the prefervation of the breed of Cattle in this Colony* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for establishing the Landing Place from Frafer's Ferry at the Causeway oppofite thereto* was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was read accordingly a second and third time.

Refolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for the prefervation of the breed of Cattle in this Colony* was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and ordered to be committed for amendments. and

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday December 5th 1764

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

A Petition of M^r Aaron Miller to the Governor Council and House of Burgeffes setting forth that he had at great trouble and expence invented a new Compafs and Protractor by which an Angle may be meafured both in Surveying and plotting with greater accuracy than by any other Instrument hitherto discovered and praying fuch a bounty as the Legislature may think he deferves was referred by the Governor to the Council and recommended by them to the confideration of the Burgeffes.

Ordered

That the Clerk carry down the said Petition to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them therewith.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Thursday December 6th 1764.

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Friday December 7th 1764

Prefent

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for the prefervation of the breed of Cattle in this Colony* was read a third time with Amendments.

Refolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Burgeffes by M^r *Benjamin Harrison* that they had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for further continuing An Act* intitl'd An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a duty upon liquors into one Act.

Also a Bill intitl'd *an Act for further continuing the Act* for reducing the several Acts for making provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately the said two Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said two Bills be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourned till *Monday 12 O'Clock*

Monday December 10th 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r*

The Governor was pleas'd to communicate to the House by *Robert Carter Esq^r* a letter from Col^o *Bouquet* dated Camp at the Forks of *Muskingham* near *Wakataumike* the most considerable *Shawanese* Town November 15th signifying that the *Mingoes, Delawares, and Shawanese* had submitted to the terms prescribed to them delivered all the Prisoners that could be collected and given fourteen Hostages for restoring the rest remaining in their possession and as a Security that they shall commit no hostilities against the Persons or Property of his Majesty's Subjects and that on those conditions they are permitted to send Deputies to make their Peace with Sir *William Johnson* inclosing a Copy of his Proceedings with those Nations recommending to the Governor's notice and that of the Government the two Corps of Volunteers who joined him from hence whose Conduct had given him the highest Satisfaction by having exerted themselves with the most commendable Spirit and inclosing their Muster Rolls properly certified. Which letter and papers being read it was resolved that the thanks of this House be given to Col^o *Bouquet* for his gallant Conduct and extraordinary services that the Governor be desired to acquaint him therewith and to recommend him to his Majesty as a brave and deserving Officer.

Ordered

That *William Byrd* and *Robert Carter Esq^r* wait on the Governor with the said Resolution.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Tuesday December 11th 1764

Present

AS YESTERDAY

William Byrd Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order waited on the Governor with the Resolution of yesterday respecting Col^o *Bouquet* and that his Honor desir'd them to acquaint the House that he should with great pleasure comply with their Requests.

Then the House adjourned til tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Wednesday December 12th 1764.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Thursday

Thursday December 13th 1764.

Present

A

S YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Friday December 14th 1764.

Present

A

S YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr Charles Carter that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of eighteen hundred Acres of Land in the Parish of Albemarle and County of Suffex whereof Nathaniel Harrifon the Younger is seized in fee tail and for vesting the same in Trustees in fee simple for the uses therein mentioned*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately. The said Bill was accordingly read a second time and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to and made at the table and the allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was,

Ordered

That the said Bill as Amended be read a third time. The said Bill was accordingly read a third time with the Amendment.

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message by Mr Charles Carter that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of Fauquier Loudoun Louisa and Fairfax Counties*. Also a Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging the Settlement of the Towns of Alexandria and Falmouth and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of Fauquier Loudoun Louisa and Fairfax Counties* was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *an Act for encouraging the Settlement of the Towns of Alexandria and Falmouth and for other purposes therein mentioned* was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to and made at the table it was order'd that the said Bill as amended be read a third time the said Bill was accordingly as amended read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message by Mr Landon Carter that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for vesting the absolute property of certain Slaves therein named in George Heale Gentleman and for settling three certain tracts of land therein mentioned on the said George Heale in lieu of the said Slaves*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

A Message by Mr *Landon Carter* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands whereof William Cary is seized in Allen Jones in fee simple and for settling other lands and Slaves to be purchased in lieu thereof to the same Uses to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of notice it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Richard Todd is seized and for settling other lands and Slaves in lieu thereof to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

A Message by Mr *Smith* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain lands therein mentioned in John Syme Esq^r and others in fee simple and for settling other lands and slaves in lieu thereof to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd a second reading immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Lemuel Riddick* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for exempting the Inhabitants of Elizabeth City County and also the Ministers and other Parishioners of Suffolk in Nansemond and of Antrim Parish in Halifax from the Payment of ferriage and for other purposes therein mentioned, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council*

Which

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Saturday December 15th 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Peter Randolph, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r*

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the House of Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for the preservation of the breed of Cattle in this Colony.*

A Message by *Mr James Littlepage* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands in Robert Lewis Gentleman in fee simple and for purchasing more convenient lands to be settled in lieu thereof* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd a second reading immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was read accordingly a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourned till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday December 17th 1764

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r*

A Message by *Mr Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd the Book of Claims to which they desired the concurrence of the Council and the same was agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *Mr Attorney* that the Burgeffes have prepared and agreed to an Address to his Majesty and a Memorial to the right honorable the Lords Spiritual and temporal with a Remonstrance to the honorable the House of Commons of *Great Britain* relative to the Taxes intended to be laid on the Colonies by the *British* Parliament to which they desire the concurrence of the Council that they will be deliver'd to them at a conference that they have appointed six of their Members to meet such of the Members of the Council as they shall think proper to appoint at an immediate Conference thereupon. The said Conference was agreed to.

Ordered

That *William Nelson Thomas Nelson* and *Peter Randolph Esq^r* be appointed Managers and that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the conference desir'd and appointed three of their Members who are now ready in the Conference Chamber to meet the Managers of their House.

Then

Then the Managers withdrew and being returned *William Nelson Esq^r* reported that they had met the Conferees who delivered to them the said Address Memorial and Remonstrance.

Ordered

That the Clerk read the same and they being read accordingly the Address was agreed to without any Amendment and the Memorial and Remonstrance committed for Amendments.

A Message by Mr *Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands whereof John Gregg is seized and for settling other lands and Slaves to be purchased in lieu thereof to the same uses to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was read accordingly a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Memorial to the Lords was read again with an Amendment and agreed to.

The Remonstrance to the Commons was read again with several Amendments and agreed to as amended.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council desire an immediate Conference on the Subject of the last.

Ordered

That the Managers acquaint the Conferees that the Council have agreed to the Address to his Majesty without any Amendment to the Memorial to the Lords with one Amendment and to the Remonstrance to the House of Commons with several Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of the Burgeffes.

The Managers withdrew and being returned *William Nelson Esq^r* reported that they had met the Conferees and Communicated what they were instructed to acquaint them with and desired them to make report thereof to their House.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday December 18th 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}*

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment propos'd by the Council to the Bill intitl'd *An Act to dock the intail of eighteen hundred Acres of land in the Parish of Albemarle and County of Suffex whereof Nathaniel Harrison the younger is seized in fee tail and for vesting the same in Trustees in fee simple for the uses therein mentioned* And also to the Amendments propos'd by them to the Bill intitl'd *An Act for encouraging the Settlement of the towns of Alexandria and Falmouth and for other purposes therein mention'd* And that they had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for appointing several new Ferries and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which the desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve to allow *Mr Aaron Miller* the Sum of thirty Pounds to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council. Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *Mr Bradley* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for making an equal division of a Donation of one Matthew Godfrey between the several Parishes of the County of Norfolk for the Benefit of their poor* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second & third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Petition of *John Earnshaw Gabriel Cay* and *Walter Hatton* Gentlemen appointed Comptrollers of his Majestys Customs setting forth that their Salaries are too small and praying that they may be allowed the same fees on all Vessels trading to the Colony as are allow'd by Law to the Collectors of his Majesty's Customs in the Colony or such other fees as shall be thought reasonable was referr'd by the Governor to the Council and by them recommended to the Burgeffes.

Ordered

That the Clerk carry down the said Petition to the Burgeffes and acquaint them therewith.

A Message by *Mr Attorney* that the Burgeffes desir'd an immediate Conference on the Subject of the last.

The Managers accordingly withdrew and being returned *William Nelson Esq^r* reported they had met the Managers for the Burgeffes who acquainted them that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment propos'd by the Council to the Memorial to the lords and to one of the Amendments propos'd to the Remonstrance to the House of Commons and had made some Amendments to their other Amendments and desir'd the Council would agree to the Remonstrance with the said Amendments as amended by them.

The Council immediately took the said Amendments into consideration and agreed to the same.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council desire an immediate conference upon the Subject of the last.

Ordered

That the Managers acquaint the Conferees that the Council have agreed to the Amendments made by the Burgeffes to their Amendments.

The Managers withdrew and being returned *William Nelson Esq^r* reported they had met the Managers for the Burgeffes acquainted them the Council had agreed to the Amendments propos'd by their House and left all the Papers with them.

The following is a Copy of the above-mentioned Address and of the Memorial and Remonstrance as agreed to by both Houses. [For these papers, see J. of H. of B., pp. 302-4.]

Wednesday December 19th 1764.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}*

A Message by *Mr Edmund Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve that *Mr Thomas Rutherford* be paid by the public the Sum of forty one Pounds for his expences in the information against *Col^o Adam Stephen* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Edmund Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to enable Tenants in Tail to make leases of their Lands* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

A Message by Mr *Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for this present Session of Assembly in Money* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd that the second reading be postponed to the first day of *May* next.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Thursday December 20th 1764

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill intitl'd *An Act to enable Tenants in tail to make leases of their Lands* was read a second time and an Amendment being propos'd and agreed to and made at the Table it was order'd that the said [Bill] with the Amendment be read a third time immediately the said Bill with the Amendment was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for the relief of Parishes from such charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time it pafs'd in the Negative.

Resolved

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr *Mercer* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to amend An Act intitl'd An Act for giving a reward for killing Wolves* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second & third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for amending and declaring the Law concerning the Escape of Debtors out of the Prison Rules and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd that the second reading be postponed to the first day of *May*.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd the Book of Proportions to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the Book of Proportions to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday December 21st 1764

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve to allow *Joseph Royle* Printer £375 for the purposes therein mentioned to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for raising a public Levy and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Lemuel Reddick* that he was order'd by the House of Burgeffes to lay the inroll'd Bills and Resolves before the Council for their inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the inroll'd Bills and Resolves to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Ordered

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending the Governor gave his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 17 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 308-9.]

And also to the following Resolves,

To allow Mr *Aaron Miller* the sum of thirty pounds.

For paying Mr *Thomas Rutherford* the sum of forty one pounds.

For allowing *Joseph Royle*, Printer, £375—

The Governor was then pleas'd to signify to the Council and House of Burgeffes that upon considering the season of the year and the long time they had sat he judged a recess would be agreeable and that unwilling to impede the Business of the Session by a prorogation he thought it expedient to direct both Houses to adjourn themselves to the first of *May* next.

After which the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor

Then the House on a Motion made for that purpose adjourn'd agreeably to the Governor's directions to the first of *May*.

Wednesday May 1st 1765.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin,
William Byrd, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
Ordered

That the second reading of the Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for this present Session of Assembly in money* and also of the Bill intituled *An Act for amending and declaring the Law concerning the Escape of Debtors out of the Prison Rules and for other purposes therein mention'd* be further postpon'd.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Thursday May 2^d 1765

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The House met and adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 O'Clock

Friday May 3^d 1765

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 O'Clock.

Saturday May 4th 1765

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourn'd till *Monday* 12 O'Clock

Monday May 6th 1765

Present

JOHN BLAIR; William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin,
Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The House met and adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday May 7th 1765.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and having no business on a Motion made for that purpose adjourn'd till *Monday* next.

Monday May 13th 1765

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr Edmund Pendleton that the House of Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to enable Tenants in tail to make leases of their lands.*

Also that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers fees and for other purposes therein mentioned to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr Edmund Pendleton that the House of Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for allowing the full Fees to which the Lawyers practising in the several Courts of this Colony are intituled in particular cases therein mentioned to be tax'd upon recovery in the Bill of Costs to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills.

A Message by Mr Joseph Gray that the House of Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige the Vestry of the Parish of Nottoway to refund to the Parish of Saint Luke their proportion of Money and Tobacco rais'd for repairing the Churches in the said Parish of Nottoway before the division thereof to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr James Mercer that the House of Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for increasing the rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties to be paid by the respective Counties wherein the services shall be performed to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr Christian that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for opening and clearing a Road thro' Swift Run-Gap over the Mountains in Augusta to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said three last mentioned Bills.

Then the House adjourn'd til tomorrow 11 O'Clock

Tuesday

(1339)

Tuesday May 14th 1765

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to dock the entail of nineteen hundred and seventy three Acres of Land in the Parish of Martin Brandon in the County of Prince George whereof Nathaniel Harrison is seiz'd in fee tail and for vesting the same in Trustees for the uses therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for establishing a Ferry from the land of Thomas Shepherd at Mecklenburg in Frederick County to Maryland* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.—

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for amending and declaring the Law concerning the Escape of Debtors out of the Prison Rules and for other purposes therein mentioned* was read a second time and committed for Amendments

Then the House Adjourned till *Thursday Morning 11 O'Clock*.

Thursday May 16th 1765.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^r

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for amending and declaring the Law concerning the Escape of Debtors out of the Prison Rules and for other purposes therein mentioned* was read a third time with Amendments.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message by Mr Edmund Pendleton that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to dock the Intail of certain lands whereof Harry Beverley Gent is seized and for settling Slaves to be purchased in lieu thereof to the same uses to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the allegations being proved to the Satisfaction

Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *John Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain lands whereof Rice Jones is seized in Fee tail in the honorable Richard Corbin Esq^r in fee simple and for settling Slaves to be annexed to other entailed lands in lieu thereof* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the House of Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve for appointing a Committee to collect the public Acts of Assembly of *Virginia* which shall be in force at the end of this present Session of Assembly to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for amending the Act intituled An Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing capital crimes and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies and Infurrections of them and for the better Government of Negroes Mulattoes and Indians bond or free* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Order'd

That the said Bill be committed.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow Morning 11 O'Clock.

Friday May 17th 1765

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}*
A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act for raising a public Levy and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act for amending the Act intituled An Act directing the trial of Slaves committing capital crimes and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies and Infurrections of them and for the better Government of Negroes Mulattoes and Indians bond or free* was read a third time with an Amendment.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 O'Clock.

Saturday

(1341)

Saturday May 18th 1765

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^r

A Message by Mr Henry Lee that he was order'd by the House of Burgeffes to bring up the inrolled Bills to the Council for their inspection.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills and acquaint the Burgeffes the Council are satisfied that the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Order'd

That the Clerk go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending the Governor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills (Viz^t) [For the six enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., p. 344.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor

Then the House adjourned till *Monday* morning 11 O'Clock

Monday May 20th 1765

Present

AS SATURDAY

A Message by Mr Bradley that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to prevent the raising Hogs and suffering them to run at large in the Towns of Portsmouth and Leeds* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time it pass'd in the Negative.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the House of Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for amending the Act intituled An Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing capital crimes and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies and Insurrections of them and for the better Government of Negroes Mulattoes and Indians bond and free.*

Also that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings in the Borough of Norfolk* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time immediately.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain Lands whereof Rice Jones is seiz'd in fee tail in the honorable Richard Corbin Esq^r in fee Simple and for settling Slaves to be annexed to other intail'd lands in lieu thereof* was read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of notice it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Tuesday

Tuesday May 21st 1765.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to prevent the practise of Selling Persons as Slaves that are not so and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for the Sale of the useles Military Stores in the Magazine in Williamsburg* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and order'd to be read a third time on *Thursday* next.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow Morning 11 O'Clock.

Wednesday May the 22^d 1765

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

A Message by Mr George Wythe that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to vest certain Lands therein mentioned in James Hubbard and settling other lands and Slaves in lieu thereof* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr Archibald Cary that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intitl'd *An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 O'Clock.

Thursday May the 23^d 1765.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for the Sale of the useles military Stores in the Magazine in Williamsburg* was read the third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to

The Bill intitl'd *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs* was read a third time with Amendments.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their concurrence thereto.

The

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act* for the better Government of Servants and Slaves was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and an Amendment being propos'd and agreed to and made at the table it was order'd that the said Bill with the Amendment be read a third time the said Bill was accordingly read the third time as amended.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their concurrence thereto.

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain lands therein mentioned in* James Hubard and settling other lands and slaves in lieu thereof, was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message by Mr *West* that the Burgeesses had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for repealing An Act pass'd in the former part of this present Session of Assembly entitled An Act* for dividing the Parish of *Truro* in the County of *Fairfax* and for making a more equal division of the said Parish to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 O'Clock.

Friday May 24th 1765.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till tomorrow Morning 11 O'Clock

Saturday May 25th 1765

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Petition of *William Obryan* Pilot on *Potowmack* River with others praying for further regulations in respect to the Pilotage was read and referr'd to the Consideration of the Burgeesses.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the said Petition and acquaint the Burgeesses therewith.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeesses had agreed to some of the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs* and disagreed to others and desir'd the Council would pass the Bill with the Amendments agreed to and recede from those disagreed to.

The

The Council immediately took the said Amendments into Consideration and on the Question put insisted on the same.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith and that the Council desire they will recede from their disagreement.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend the several Acts for obliging the Owners of Mills Hedges and other stops on the several Rivers therein mentioned to make openings or Slopes therein for the passage of Fish.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr Fleming that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for amending and declaring the Law concerning the Escape of Debtors out of the Prison Rules and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Amendments were read and agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes having had under their Consideration the State of the Colony had come to several Resolutions thereon and desir'd an immediate Conference on the same and that they had appointed six of their Members for that purpose.

Resolv'd

That the said Conference be agreed to.

Order'd

That William Nelson Thomas Nelson and William Byrd Esq^{rs} be appointed Managers and that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Conference appointed three of their Members to manage the same and that they were ready in the Conference Chamber to meet the Managers of their House.

The Managers withdrew and being returned reported that the Managers for the Burgeffes had delivered to them the Resolutions of their House and the same were read and order'd to lie on the Table till Thursday next.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had receded from their disagreement to one of the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs* with an Amendment and insisted on their disagreement to the Others. The Council having taken the same under consideration agreed to the Amendment made by the Burgeffes to one of their Amendments and receded from the others disagreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act for inspecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar Pitch and Turpentine* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday morning 11 O'Clock.

Monday May 27th 1765

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr Littlepage that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of fifteen hundred Acres of land whereof Thomas Mann Randolph Gent is seiz'd and for settling other lands in lieu thereof to the same uses* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time and order'd

order'd to be read a second time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Treasurer to receive the Money due from the Province of Pennsylvania to this Colony*. Also a Bill intituled *An Act for exempting the Exporters of drefs'd Hides or Skins from the payment of duties for such as had been before imported* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bills were read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills.

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing the Act for appointing An Agent and two other Acts therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time.

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act for inspecting Pork Beef Flour Tar Pitch and Turpentine* was read a second time and order'd to be read a third time immediately. the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Fleming that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of Amherst Albemarle Augusta Buckingham Cumberland and Chesterfield* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time it pass'd in the Negative.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be rejected.

The Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the several Acts for obliging the Owners of Mills Hedges and other Stops on the several Rivers therein mentioned to make openings or Slopes therein for the passage of Fish*, was read a second time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third time it pass'd in the Negative.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be rejected

A Message by Mr Archibald Cary that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*.

Also that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing Commissioners to examine and state the Accounts of the Militia lately order'd out into actual service and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to

A Message by Mr Attorney that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *an Act for clearing the great Falls of James River the River Chickahominy and the North Branch of James River* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two last mentioned Bills.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 O'Clock

Tuesday May 28th 1765

Present

A S YESTERDAY

The Resolutions deliver'd at the Conference were read and on the Question that the same be agreed to *it pass'd in the Negative.*

Resolv'd

That the said Resolutions be rejected.

Order'd

That the Managers for the Council return them to the Managers for the Burgeffes and acquaint them therewith.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council desire an immediate Conference on the Subject of the last and that the Managers for the Council are ready in the Conference Chamber.

Then the Managers withdrew and being returned *William Nelson Esq'* reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgeffes and delivered to them the said Resolutions and acquainted them that they were disagreed to by the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing the Act for appointing an Agent and two other Acts therein mentioned* was read a second time and order'd to be read a third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes Wages for this present Session of Assembly in Money* was read a second time and on the Question that the said Bill be read a third time *it pass'd in the Negative.*

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be rejected

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 O'Clock.

Wednesday May 29th 1765

Present

J OHN BLAIR, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr Archibald Cary that the Burgeffes had pass'd the Treasurer's Accounts. Also a Resolve that the Sum of twenty Pounds ought to be allow'd Thomas Brown a wounded Soldier for his present relief and that a further Sum of five Pounds *per Annum* be paid him during life to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

The said Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

Order'd

That the Treafurer's Accounts be referr'd to *Thomas Nelson* and *Robert Burwell Esq^r* for them to examine.

A Message by *M^r Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to prevent frauds in the Drawback of the Duties on Liquors imported into this Colony*. Also a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige Joseph Rentfroe and others to pay to the Treafurer of this Colony the several Sums of Money therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *M^r Read* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to direct the Collection of the Land-tax in arrear from part of Culpeper County for the Year 1759. And for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 O'Clock

Thursday May 30th 1765.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^r*

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen to whom the Treasurers Accounts has been referred had examin'd the same and found them truly stated.

Resolv'd

That the said Accounts be agreed to.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 O'Clock.

Friday May 31st 1765.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^r*

A Message by *M^r Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to revive and amend An Act intituled An Act for establishing a trade with the Indians in Alliance with his Majesty and also to amend one other Act for directing the Trustees of the Indian Factory of Virginia to sell the Goods imported by them and to pay the Money arising by such Sale into the Treasury for the use of the Public*. Also a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal so much of the Act of Assembly made in the fourth Year of his present Majesty's reign intituled An Act for appointing Commissioners to examine and state the Accounts of the Militia lately order'd out into actual service and for other purposes therein mentioned as allows a bounty of forty Shillings to every Person who will voluntarily engage in the Service of the Colony*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time and order'd a second and third reading immediately the said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said two Bills be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by *M^r Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Resolve that the Sum of fifty Pounds be paid to *Peter Pelham* for repairing the Organ in the Church
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in the City of *Williamfburg*: Also a Refolve that the Sum of three hundred and eighty eight Pounds thirteen Shillings and eight Pence half Penny be paid to *Benjamin Powell* for repairing the Public Goal to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.—

Which two Refolves were read and agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Attorney* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain Lots in the City of Williamfburg in the Purchasers thereof and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr *Fleming* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the ease and relief of the People by paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for the last and present Session of Affembly* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills read the first time and to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said two Bills be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 11 O'Clock

Saturday June 1st 1765

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr *George Wythe* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige Thomas Proffer to reimburse the Costs of prosecuting an information against him* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *George Johnson* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Refolve for paying the Officers of the General Affembly their Salaries to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Refolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Munford* that he was order'd by the House of Burgeffes to lay the inrolled Bills and Refolves before the Council.

Order'd

That the Clerk carry down the said Bills and Refolves and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council are satisfied they are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor.

His Honor was pleased to communicate to the Council a Letter from Mr *Charles Goore* Merchant at *Liverpool* with instructions for raising and preparing Hemp and Flax which being read it was order'd that the Clerk carry down the same to the House of Burgeffes.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills and Refolves as are ready for his Assent.

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The Burgeffes accordingly attending his Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 31 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 362-364.]

The Bill intituled *An Act for the preservation of the breed of Cattle in this Colony* was presented to the Governor and rejected by him.

His Honor was pleas'd also to give his Assent to the following Resolves.

1. A Resolve for appointing a Committee to collect the publick Acts of Assembly of *Virginia* which shall be in force at the end of this present Session of Assembly.

2. That the Sum of three hundred and eighty eight Pounds thirteen Shillings and six Pence half Penny be paid to *Benjamin Powell* for repairing the Public Goal.

3. That the Sum of twenty Pounds be allowed *Thomas Brown* a wounded Soldier for his present releif and five Pounds *per Annum* during his Life.

4. That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be paid to *Peter Pelham* for repairing the Organ in the Church in the City of *Williamsburgh*.

5. For paying the Officers of the General Assembly their Salaries.

After which the Governor was pleas'd to dissolve the General Assembly.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Thursday* the 6th of *November* in the seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain; France* and *Ireland*, King Defender of the Faith, &c and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fixty fix; being the first Session of this present General Assembly.

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Thursday, November 6, 1766.

Present

THE Honorable *Francis Fauquier* Esq^r his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, *John Blair*, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *Peter Randolph*, *Richard Corbin*, *William Byrd*, *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Carter*, *Presley Thornton*, *Robert Burwell* Esq^{rs}

The President informed the Governor that Ninety eight of the Members return'd Burgeffes were Sworn, and met in their House.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.—

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleas'd to say to them, *Gentlemen,*

'You must return to your House, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.—'

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.—

A Message from the Burgeffes to the Governor was delivered by Mr *Landon Carter*, that their House had made Choice of a Speaker, and desir'd to know his Honor's Pleasure when they shall attend to Present him; to which the Governor Answer'd he was then ready to receive them in the Council Chamber.—

The Burgeffes attending presented *Peyton Randolph* Esq^r as their Speaker, who being approved of by the Governor, made the usual Petition for Security of their Persons and Estates from Arrests and Prosecutions for Freedom of Speech in their House, a Power over their own Members, and lastly that none of his Failings or Mistakes might be imputed to the House.

All which Privileges the Governor was pleas'd to confirm, and then made the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes

Not having any pressing Occasion [See J. of H. of B., 1766-1769, p. 12.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Ordered,

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech: and the same was accordingly read.

Resolved,

That an Address be prepared to return the Governor the Thanks of this House for his Speech; to acknowledge the Zeal which his Honour has steadily shown for his Majesty's

esty's service, and the Good of this Country; to express their Sense of the Prudence of his Majesty's Conduct, and the Wisdom of his Councils, by which the Grievances of *America* have been redress'd, and their Trade encouraged; and to assure him of their firm Attachment to the Prosperity of *Great Britain*, which they shall ever consider as inseparably Connected with the welfare of this Colony.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is refer'd to *Richard Corbin*, and *Presley Thornton Esq^r* to prepare the same.

The Gentlemen appointed to draw the Address immediately withdrew, and being returned, *Richard Corbin Esq^r* reported that they had according to Order prepared an Address; which was read, and agreed to, and is as follows,

Sir

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia* now met in General Assembly, beg leave to Return your Honour our unfeigned Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session. That Zeal for his Majesty's Service which you have Steadily and uniformly shewn, that Care and concern which you so feelingly express for the Honour of this Country, we acknowledge with the warmest Gratitude; and we never shall be wanting, on our Part, to give your Honour the most convincing Evidence of our sincere Regard.

The late disturbance upon this Continent, of so alarming and Dangerous a tendency, was stopp'd in its Progress by the Prudence of his Majesty's Conduct and the wisdom of his Councils; which has secured, and fixed, the Happiness of *America* upon the true Basis of publick Liberty: An event that will be kept in perpetual Remembrance. The Grievances of *America* have not only been redress'd but their Trade has been encouraged; and the Opening and establishing free Ports in the Islands of *Jamaica* and *Dominica* cannot fail of producing consequences that must be greatly Beneficial to the Commercial Interests of *Great Britain*, and all her Colonies.

This recent Instance of his Majesty's paternal Goodness we shall acknowledge with all Thankfulness, Duty, and Gratitude; and do every thing in our Power to convince the World of our firm and unalterable Attachment to the Prosperity of *Great Britain*, which we shall always consider as inseparably connected with the Welfare of this Colony.

Ordered,

That the said Address be fairly Transcribed; and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governor to know when and where he will be Pleas'd to receive the same.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday November 7th 1766.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order waited on the Governor to know when and where he would be Pleas'd to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honor answered he would receive the same in the Council Chamber this Day at one o'Clock.

Present The Governor

The President in behalf of the Council presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Honor was Pleas'd to return the following Answer,
Gentlemen of the Council,

The just Sense you entertain of his Majesty's paternal Goodness fills me with Pleasure, and I make not the least doubt but that it will be Productive of the most Salutary effects to this Colony and to *Great-Britain*, whose Interests, as you very justly observe, must for ever be inseparable. Those expressions of Loyalty to your King, of
Attachment

Attachment to your Mother Country, and of Regard and affection to me, all demand a Return of my warmest Thanks; which I give you with the greatest Sincerity and Cordiality.

Abfent The Governor

Then the Houfe, on a Motion made and agreed to, Adjourned to *Monday* the twenty fourth of this Month.

Monday November 24th, 1766.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The Houfe having no Bufinefs, Adjourned to *Wednesday* 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, November 26, 1766.

Present

AS BEFORE

The Houfe met and on a Motion made Adjourned to *Monday* next.—

Monday December 1st 1766

Present

AS BEFORE

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee Esq^r* that the Houfe of Burgeffes had pafs'd a Refolve, that Mr *William Rind* be appointed the publick Printer, to which they defir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Refolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the Houfe of Burgeffes*: Alfo a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing a Treasurer*, to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

The faid two Bills were read the firft Time, and order'd to be read a fecond Time.

A Message by *Thomas Nelson, Esq^r* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to direct the Collection of the Taxes in the Counties of King George and Buckingham for the Year 1760, and of the Public Levy in the County of Fauquier for the Year 1765*, to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time; and order'd a fecond reading.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for adding part of the County of James City to the County of New Kent and part of the County of New Kent to the County of James City*, to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and order'd a fecond Reading.

A Message by Mr *Landon Carter* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to veft certain Lands therein mentioned whereof George Carter Esq^r; died feized in Fee Simple in certain Truftees therein named to be fold for Performance of his Will*, to which they defire the Concurrence of the Council.—

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and order'd a fecond Reading.

Then the Houfe adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.—

Tuesday

Tuesday December 2^d, 1766.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r

The Bill intituled *An Act for adding part of the County of James City to the County of New Kent and part of the County of New Kent to the County of James City*, was read a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately.—The said Bill was read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to direct the Collection of the Taxes in the Counties of King George and Buckingham for the year 1766, and of the public Levy in the County of Fauquier for the Year 1765*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be read the third Time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read the third Time,

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mention'd Bills.

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain Lands therein mentioned whereof George Carter Esq^r died seized in Fee Simple in certain Trustees therein named to be sold for the performance of his Will*, was read a second Time, and order'd to be committed.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday December 3^d 1766.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain Lands therein mentioned whereof George Carter Esq^r; died seized in Fee Simple in certain Trustees therein named to be sold for the performance of his Will*; was read the third Time with Amendments.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message by M^r Landon Carter that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the last mentioned Bill.

A Message by M^r Benjamin Harrison that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West Indies for their own Use to pay a Duty.*

Also *An Act for lessening the Allowance for the Inspection of Flour.* Also *An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act for establishing Pilots and regulating their Fees.* Also *An Act for further continuing the Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Infurrections into one Act*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which four Bills were read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time, immediately. The said Bills were read accordingly a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bills be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk go down with the said four last mentioned Bills, and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to them.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing An Act intituled An Act for increasing the rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed.* Also a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Vestry of the Parish of Truro in the County of Fairfax to sell their Glebe and Church Plate and for other Purposes therein mention'd* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday, December 4, 1766.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing An Act intituled An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed,* was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and an Amendment being proposed, and made at the Table, and agreed to, it was order'd that the said Bill as amended, be read a third Time, the said Bill was accordingly read a third Time with the Amendment.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the last mentioned Bill.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday, December 5, 1766.

Present

A S YESTERDAY,

The Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Vestry of the Parish of Truro in the County of Fairfax to sell their Glebe and Church Plate and for other Purposes therein mention'd,* was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday, December 8, 1766.

Present

J OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve that the Sum of five Pounds *per Annum* be paid to *Robert Donaldson* during his Life as a Recompence for the wounds he received and the Hardships he suffered in the Service of the Colony, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing An Act* for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in repair, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and Committed.

A Message by Mr *Bland*, that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing the Act intituled An Act* for regulating the Practice of Attornies, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately, the said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill. Then the House adjourn'd to *Wednesday* 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday December 10th, 1766.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Phil: Lud: Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r

The Bill intituled *An Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes*, was read a second Time, and order'd to be read a third Time immediately, the said Bill was read according[ly] a third Time

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for appointing a Treasurer*, was read a second Time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be committed for Amendments.

It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mentioned Bills.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed Lands in Ralph Wormeley, Esq^r in Fee Simple and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend so much of the Act* for the better regulating and training the Militia *as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers their Duty and Reward*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately;

The said Bill was read accordingly a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeesses had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend An Act* for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk carry down the three last mention'd Bills and acquaint the House of Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to them.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday, December 11th, 1766.

Present

AS YESTERDAY,

William Nelson Esq^r brought in a Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act* concerning Juries;

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and order'd to be engross'd and read a third Time.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'clock.

Friday, December 12th, 1766.

Present

AS YESTERDAY,

The Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing An Act* for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair, was read a third Time with Amendments.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence.

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act* concerning Juries, was read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses that the Council have pass'd the said Bill, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message by Mr *Robert Munford*, that the Burgeesses had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands whereof Charles Carter the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Tail and for other Purposes*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time; and the Allegations being prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, and an Amendment being propos'd, and agreed to, it was order'd that the said Bill be immediately read a third Time with the Amendment;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time with the Amendment.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence.

On a Motion made, it was order'd that an Address be prepared to the King, Testifying the Loyalty and Fidelity of the Council and their grateful Sense of his Majesty's Goodness in assenting to the Repeal of the Stamp Act, and adding their most cordial Congratulations on the increase of his Royal Family; and it was referr'd to *Robert Carter Esq* to prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till Tomorrow 12 o'clock.

Saturday, December 13, 1766.

Present

A S YESTERDAY,

A Message by Mr *Walter Coles* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County of Halifax and Parish of Antrim and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday, December 15, 1766

Present

J OHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing An Act for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair*.

A Message by Mr *Landon Carter* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of Lunenburg Parish in the County of Richmond by way of Donation*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Robert

Robert Carter Esq reported that according to Order he had prepared an Address to the King.

Order'd,

That the Clerk read the said Address, and the same was accordingly read, and agreed to, and is as follows,

Most gracious Sovereign

We your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, at this time convened in General Assembly presume to approach the Throne on an Event very pleasing and Interesting to us, and to all your People residing in *America*.

Allow us *Royal Sir*, who are Inhabitants in this distant Part of your Realms, humbly to acknowledge the multiplied Instances of your paternal Tendernefs and Regard to us; and in Particular to Express our grateful Sense of your Majesty's unbounded Goodnefs, and the disinterested kindnefs of your Parliament, to Repeal the late *American Stamp Act*. We Rejoice at this time to Declare, that your Majesty's Administration hath been Conducted with Mercy and Clemency; and that You have condescended to hear the Complaints of your Subjects, and to use your Royal Hand to relieve them. As Duty and Affection to your Majesty are fixed and unalterable Principles in us, we feel the Impressions of them so Strong and lively in our Breasts, that we cannot omit to lay hold of this Opportunity to renew our most sincere Professions of our constant and inviolable Fidelity: And we do with Zeal and Firmnefs never to be Shaken, promise your Majesty, that we will at all Times exert ourselves in the Defence of your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, at the Risque of our Lives and Fortunes.

We shall no longer presume to interrupt your Majesty's attention to the Public Welfare, than by adding our most cordial Congratulations on the happy Addition to your Royal Family, and our fervent Wishes for its future Augmentation. Permit us, *gracious Sir*, to express the raptures we feel in enjoying the bright extended Scene of Felicities, and to Glory and Exult in participating of Blessings provided for Posterity.

Order'd

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, for the President to Sign in behalf of the Council.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, December 16, 1766.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Syme* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing several new Ferries and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*; to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the said two Bills be agreed to

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Eyre* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to empower Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage, Gentleman, to sell and dispose of certain intailed Lands and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses*; to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Syme that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed Lands in Nathaniel West Dandridge, Esqr in Fee Simple and for settling Slaves in Lieu thereof*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second Time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Charles Carter, that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment propos'd by the Council to a Bill intituled *An Act to empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands whereof Charles Carter the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Tail and for other Purposes*, with an Amendment, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

The Council immediately took into Consideration the said Amendment, and on the Question put that the same be agreed to,

It pass'd in the Affirmative.

Resolv'd,

That the said Amendment be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Syme that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Robert Beverley Esqr is seized and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and Ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was Ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Archibald Cary that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve that the Sum of £375 per Annum be allowed to William Rind Printer to commence the first Day of January next and to continue to the end of the next Session of Assembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Refolve.

A Meffage by Mr *Landon Carter* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Executors of Charles Carter late of King George to fell part of his Lands and Slaves for payment of his Debts and Legacies*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately,

The faid Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage by Mr *Thompson Mafon* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for the Relief of such Persons as have been prevented from Recording Deeds and other Instruments within the time prescribed by Law by the Occlusion of the Courts of Justice during the Confusion lately created by the Act of Parliament for imposing Stamp Duties in America*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and Ordered to be read a second Time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and An Amendment being proposed and agreed to,

Ordered,

That the faid Bill be read immediately a third Time with the Amendment.

And the faid Bill was accordingly read a third Time with the Amendment.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

A Meffage by Mr *Thompson Mafon* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the faid last mentioned Bill.

A Meffage by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Schedule containing fundry Money Claims, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Schedule was read and agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Meffage by Mr *Cary* that he was ordered by the House of Burgeffes to bring up the inrolled Bills for the Inspection of the Council.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills, and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council are Satisfied the same are truly Inrolled.—

Present The Governor.

The President acquainted his Honor that the Council had prepared An Address to his Majesty, and requested that he would be pleased to get it properly presented;

To which the Governor answered, that he would transmit it to the Secretary of State by the first Opportunity.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent:

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The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, [For the 27 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 75-6.]

Also to the following Resolves,

1. That Mr *William Rind* be appointed the Public Printer.

2. For allowing *William Rind* £375 *per Annum* for the Purposes therein mentioned.—

3. For allowing *Robert Donaldson* the Sum of £5 *per Annum* during his Life.—

After which the Governor recommended to both Houses an Adjournment to the 12th of *March* next—

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.—

Abfent The Governor

Then the House on a Motion made for that Purpose Adjourned agreeably to the Governor's Recommendation to the 12th of *March*.—

Thursday, March 12, 1767

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

The House met, and having no prospect of any business, on a Motion made for that purpose, Adjourned till *Monday* Se'nnight.

Monday, March 23, 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
The House met and Adjourned till tomorrow 12. o'Clock.

Tuesday, March 24th 1767.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary* that the Burgeesses had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County and also the Minister and other Parishioners of St James's Parish in the said County from the payment of ferriage on Sundays, Court Days, and on the days appointed for general Musters*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, March 25th, 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

Met and Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday, March 26th 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
Met and Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday, March 27, 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter,
Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
Met and Adjourn'd till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday, March 30, 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Peter Randolph,
Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}
Met and Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday, March 31, 1767.

Present

AS YESTERDAY,

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled
An Act to dock the intail of certain Lands whereof Harry Beverley Gent. is
seized and for settling Slaves to be purchased in lieu thereof, to which they desir'd
the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and the Allegations being proved
to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice,
it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled
An Act to empower George Parker to pay a certain Sum of Money in lieu of an Annuity
charged on certain Slaves whereof he is possessed.

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of eight hundred Acres of Land in the*
County of Amelia whereof Anne Hall wife of John Hall is seized in fee-tail and for vesting
the same in Trustees in fee simple and for other purposes therein mention'd, to which they
desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act to empower George Parker to pay a certain Sum of Money*
in lieu of an Annuity charged on certain Slaves whereof he is possessed was read the first
time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of eight hundred Acres of Land in the*
County of Amelia whereof Anne Hall Wife of John Hall is seized in fee tail and for vesting
the same in Trustees in fee simple and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the
first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately:

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and the Allegations being prov'd
to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of notice,
it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Lancafter Princes Anne and Elizabeth City.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending an Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs,* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

The Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Lancafter Princes Anne and Elizabeth City* was read the first time; and order'd to be read a second time.

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending An Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs,* was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message by Mr *Richard Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain lands whereof Kendall Lee is seized and for settling other lands and Slaves to the same uses,* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was read accordingly a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, April 1st, 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter Esq^r

The House met and Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday, April 2^d 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esq^r

Met and Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday, April 3^d 1767.

Present

AS YESTERDAY,

A Message by Mr *Richard Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for increasfing the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of Frederick in the County of Frederick,* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 °Clock.

Saturday, April 4th 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr Bland that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for preventing frauds in the Customs and in clearing of Ships for ascertaining Collectors and Naval Officers fees and to prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for perpetuating the Succession of the Trustees appointed by the Act of Assembly intituled An Act for enlarging and ascertaining the limits of the Borough of Norfolk and for other purposes therein mentioned, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.*

Which three Bills were read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said three Bills be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd till Monday 12 °Clock.

Monday, April 6, 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

The House met and Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 °Clock.

Tuesday, April 7. 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr Mercer that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Goal fever or small Pox to perform Quarentine,* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was read accordingly a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Lewellen Jones is seized and for settling other lands and Slaves in lieu thereof*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve that *Elias Gerrard* ought to be allowed the Sum of twenty Pounds for his present relief and the further Sum of twelve pounds *per annum* during life as a recompence for the wounds he received in the service of the Country to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message by Mr *Mercer* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to confirm the titles to lands claim'd by descent or purchase from Aliens*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was order'd that the said Bill, with the amendment be read a third time.

The said Bill as amended was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message by Mr *Newton* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal an Act pass'd in the 30th year of the reign of his late Majesty George 2^d intituled An Act to impower the Justices of the County of Norfolk to agree with Persons to keep certain ferries and to levy the expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the said County, and for other purposes therein mention'd*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.—

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and an Amendment being proposed, and agreed to, and made [made] at the Table, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time as amended

The said Bill was read accordingly with the amendment a third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.—

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.—

A Message by Mr *Braxton* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain lands whereof Thomas Moore is seiz'd in fee tail in Trustees to be sold and the money laid out in the purchase of other lands and Slaves*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately,
The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain lands whereof William Starke is seiz'd in fee tail and for settling other lands to the same uses*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the Allegations being prov'd to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for building a Bridge over Back River by Subscription* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Eyre* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for increasing the rates of ferriage at Swan's Point James Town and Crouche's Creek and for other purposes therein mention'd* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd the Book of Claims, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council—

Resolved,

That the Book of Claims be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Lancaster, Princess Anne and Elizabeth City* was read a second time, and order'd to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Mason* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the preservation of the Breed of Cattle*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, April 8, 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^{rs}

A Message by Mr *Cary*, that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for erecting Warehouses for the reception of Hemp*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Mercer* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to confirm the titles to lands claimed by descent or purchase from Aliens*:

Also that they had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for opening a road through the frontiers of this Colony to Fort Pitt on the Ohio*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and

Order'd

that the said Bill be read a second time.

A Message by Mr *Newton* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to repeal An Act pass'd in the 30th Year of the reign of his late Majesty George 2^d intituled An Act to impower the Justices of the County of Norfolk to agree with persons to keep certain ferries and to levy the expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the said County and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday April 9th 1767.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Harrison* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for laying an additional duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing and amending the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers fees and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council

Which

Which two Bills were read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said two Bills be agreed to.—

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act for opening a road through the frontiers of this Colony to Fort Pitt on the Ohio*, was read a second time, and order'd to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Simson* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act to oblige the Prosecutors of Offences not capital to pay the costs of the Prosecution where the Defendant shall be acquitted to which they desire the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; And an Amendment being proposed, and agreed to, and made at the table, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately, with the Amendment;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time with the Amendment

Resolv'd

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their concurrence.

A Message by Mr *Braxton* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of six hundred Acres of land in the Parish of Saint Martin and County of Hanover whereof John Aylett is seized in fee tail and for vesting the same in Trustees in fee Simple for the uses therein mentioned*, to which they desire the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Harrison* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Justices of the County of Amelia to purchase lands whereon to build a Court House and for other purposes therein mentioned* to which they desire the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd a second reading.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd an Account of the late Treasurer to the time of his death, and two Accounts of the present Treasurer, the last ending the first of *April*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

Order'd,

That the said Accounts be referred to *William Nelson*, and *Richard Corbin Esq^{rs}* to examine.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 11 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday, April 10. 1767.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal so much of an Act of Assembly pafs'd in the 25th Year of her late Majesty's reign intituled An Act for building a Bridge over Appamattox River by subscription as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield from building a Bridge at the Place in the said Act mentioned at the charge of the said Counties to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and an Amendment being propos'd, and agreed to, and made at the Table; it was order'd that the said Bill be read immediately a third time, with the Amendment;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time, with the Amendment.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.—

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for applying to the Aid of the public fund the surplus of the Money which shall remain in the Hands of the Treasurer after paying the expences of the Militia according to the directions of An Act pafs'd in the last Session of Assembly for raising a public Levy and for other purposes therein mentioned, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Cary*, that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Administrators of the Estate of John Robinson Esqr deceased to sell such parts of his real or personal Estate as to them shall seem most convenient for the payment of his debts, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two last mentioned Bills.

A Message by Mr *Carter* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act to prevent Hogs running at large in the Town of Port Royal, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.*

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the Encouragement of Settlers on the Lands in the upper parts of Augusta County, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which

Which Bill was read the first time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time.

It pafs'd in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd the Book of Proportions, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr *Mason* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for paying the Burgeffes wages in money for this present Session of Assembly*; to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill. And also to the Book of Proportions.

William Nelson Esq reported that the Gentlemen appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts had according to order examined the same, and found them to be truly stated.

Resolved,

That the said Accounts be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Mercer* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing fairs in the Town of Mecklenburg in the County of Frederick*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act to enable the Justices of the County of Amelia to purchase lands whereon to build a Court House and for other purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second time and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third time,

It pafs'd in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 11 o'Clock.

Saturday April 11, 1767.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell Esq^r

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners for debt to escape or attempt to escape out of Prison*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had disagreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to repeal so much of an Act of Assembly pass'd in the 25th Year of his late Majesty's reign intituled An Act for building a Bridge over Appamattox River by Subscription &c* and desir'd the Council to agree to the Bill without the Amendment.

The Council immediately took the said Amendment into consideration, and on the Question put, receded from the same.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have receded from the said Amendment.

A Message by Mr *Nicholas* that the Burgeffes has [had] pass'd a Resolve that the Sum of One hundred pounds be paid out of the public Money in the Hands of the Treasurer to *Constant Woodson* as a reward for discovering her method of curing Cancers upon her producing a Certificate from under the hands of Doctor *Theodorick Bland*, Doctor *James Field* [Field], Doctor *William Black*, and Doctor *Robert Brown*, or any two of them who are by this House appointed to make an Experiment of the efficacy of the medicine that shall be by the said *Constant Woodson* to them communicated of their approbation thereof, and thereupon the same shall be published in the *Virginia Gazette*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message by Mr *Charles Carter* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain lands in Trustees for the purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.—

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Henry* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Schedule containing sundry Money Claims to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Schedule.

A Message by Mr *Blair* that the Burgeffes had agreed to an Address to his Majesty, relative to our currency, and also to a Scheme for emitting Paper Currency, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council; and further that they desir'd a Conference on the subject matter of the said Address and Scheme; and had appointed six of their Members for that purpose.

Resolved,

That the said Conference be agreed to.

Order'd,

That *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, and *Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^r* be appointed Managers; that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said

saïd Conference, appointed three of their Members to manage the same, and that they were ready in the Conference Chamber to meet the Managers of their House.

The Managers withdrew, and being return'd *William Nelson Esq^r* inform'd the House that the Managers for the Burgeffes met in the Conference Chamber, and delivered to them the Address to his Majesty, and the Scheme for emitting Paper Currency and then withdrew.

Order'd,

That the saïd Address; and Scheme be immediately read, And they were read accordingly; and on the Question that they be agreed to,

It pass'd in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the saïd Address and Scheme be rejected.

Order'd,

That the Managers for the Council, return them to the Managers for the Burgeffes, and acquaint them therewith.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council desire an immediate Conference on the Subject of the last, and that the Managers for the Council are ready in the Conference Chamber.

Then the Managers withdrew, and being return'd, *William Nelson Esq^r* reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgeffes, and delivered to them the saïd Address and Scheme, and acquainted them that they were disagreed to by the Council.

A Message by *Mr Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for raising a public Levy, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The saïd Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the saïd Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourn'd for two hours.

THE House met according to their Adjournment.

A Message from the Burgeffes by *Mr Diggs*, that he was order'd to lay the inrolled Bills and Resolves before the Council for their Inspection.

Order'd,

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills and Resolves to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council are satisfied that they are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Ordered,

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves, as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending the Governor was pleas'd to give his Assent to the following public and private Acts: [For the 36 enumerated Acts and 2 Resolves, see J. of H. of B., pp. 129-131.]

And then his Honor was pleas'd to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes

As you have gone through [See J. of H. of B., p. 131.]

A true Copy

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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Thursday* the sixth of *November* in the seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third by the grace of God, of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the faith &c and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 31st of *March* in the Eighth year of his Majesty's reign and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the Second Session of this General Assembly.

At a General Affembly Summoned to be held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Thursday* the fixth of *November* in the feventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third by the grace of God, of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the faith &c and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fixty fix, and from thence continued by feveral Prorogations to *Thursday* the 31st of *March* in the Eighth year of his Majesty's reign and in the year of our Lord one thoufand seven hundred and fixty eight, and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the Second Seffion of this General Affembly.

Thursday March 31st 1768.

Present

THE hoñble *John Blair* Esq^r Prefident, *William Nelson*, *Thomas Nelson*, *William Byrd*, *Robert Carter*, *Robert Burwell*, *George William Fairfax* Esq^{rs}
Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General Affembly go and acquaint the Houfe of Burgeffes that the Prefident commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending his Honor was pleafed to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,

Our late worthy Governor [See J. of H. of B., 1766-1769, pp. 141-2.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Prefident

Ordered,

That the Clerk read the Prefidents Speech.

Which was read accordingly.

Resolved,

That the Addrefs be prepared to return his Honor the thanks of this Houfe for his Speech to condole with him on the death of our late worthy Governor to exprefs their readinefs to adopt every proper meafure to avert the calamities of an Indian war, and to reftore peace with the Indians to fignify their fenfe of the confolation it will be to the people to be relieved from part of the heavy taxes they have long laboured under and to affure his Honor that they will do every thing in their power to make his adminiftration eafy.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw up an addrefs, purfuant to the faid Refolution, and it is referred to *Thomas Nelson*, and *William Byrd* Esq^{rs} to prepare the fame.—

The Gentlemen appointed to draw the addrefs immediately withdrew, and being
returned

returned *Thomas Nelson Esq* reported that they had according to order prepared the Address, which was read, and agreed to, and is as follows,
Sir,

We his Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, return your Honor our thanks for your kind Speech at the opening of this Session. The horrid barbarities and unheard of cruelties that were committed upon many of the frontier Inhabitants in the course of the last Indian war, are so recent in our memories, that we shall be ready to adopt every proper measure to avert the like calamities for the future; and to restore and establish peace and tranquility with the Indians. After having so long groaned under a heavy load of debt, it will doubtless be matter of great consolation to the distressed people of this Colony, to be eased of the taxes that were imposed for the payment thereof, now grown by other unfavourable circumstances, almost insupportable.—

We sincerely lament the death of our late worthy Governor, whose many amiable qualities in private life, had endeared him to those under his government; as his distinguishing abilities, and diligent application to the discharge of his office, had recommended him to the favour of his Sovereign: And we earnestly hope, that his Majesty will appoint a Successor, who, like him, will steadily pursue the two great objects of all good Governors, the honor of the Crown; and the prosperity and happiness of the people under him. In the mean time, *Sir*, we shall contribute every thing in our power, to make your Administration easy to yourself, and satisfactory to the Country.

Ordered,

That said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen, who drew it, wait on the President, to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

Then the House adjourned to *Saturday 12 o'Clock.*

Saturday April 2^d 1768.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax Esq^{rs}*

Thomas Nelson Esq reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to order waited on the President to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and that his Honor Answered he would receive the same in the Council Chamber this day at one o'Clock.—

Present The President

William Nelson Esq in behalf of the Council presented the Address to the President, to which his Honor was pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen of the Council,

I thank you for your obliging Address. From my long experience of your Zeal for the honor of his Majesty, and attachment to the true interest of your Country, I have not the least doubt of your readiness to do every thing in your power to promote both. Your kind offer of assistance to me in my Administration demands my particular acknowledgments.

Absent The President

Then the House on a motion made, and agreed to Adjourned to *Thursday* next.

Thursday April 7th 1768.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Robert Carter, George William Fairfax Esq^{rs}*
 Met and Adjourned to *Saturday 12 o'Clock.*

Saturday

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Saturday April 9th 1768.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Robert Carter, George William Fairfax Esq^{rs}*

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the House of Burgesses had passed the Treafurer's Accounts

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal so much of An Act intituled "An Act for appointing several new Ferries" as relates to a Ferry across the Fluvanna River from and to the lands of William Cabell Gentleman.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Day of the County of Goochland;* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Ordered,

That the Treafurer's Accounts be referred to *Robert Carter, and George William Fairfax Esq^{rs}* to examine.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the House of Burgesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs.*

Also a Resolve for allowing the Printer his Salary, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Then the House Adjourned till *Monday 12 o'Clock.*

Monday April 11th 1768.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax Esq^{rs}*

The Bill intituled *An Act to repeal so much of An Act intituled "An Act 'for appointing several new Ferries'" as relates to a Ferry across the Fluvanna River from and to the lands of William Cabell Gentleman,* was read the first time, and

Ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Day of the County of Goochland,* was read the first time, and

Ordered,

to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time;

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs,* was read the first time, and

Ordered

to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time;

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said three last mentioned Bills.

Robert Carter Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order examined the Treafurer's Accounts, and found them truly stated.

Resolved,

That the said Accounts be agreed to.

The

The Refolve for allowing the Printer his Salary, was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the Treasurers Accounts; and

To the Refolve for allowing the Printer his Salary.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday April 12th 1768.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Archibald Cary that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing and amending the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers fees and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock—

Wednesday April 13. 1768.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax Esq^r

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Bland that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal so much of the several Acts of Assembly therein mentioned as impose a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight and one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and

Ordered

to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing and amending the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers fees and for other Purposes therein mentioned* was read the first time, and

Ordered,

to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday April 14th 1768.

Present

AS BEFORE

The House met and Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday April 15th 1768.

Present

A S BEFORE

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr *William Diggs* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain lands whereof James Roscow is seized and for settling Slaves to be purchased in lieu thereof* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered

to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time;

And the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of notice, it was

Ordered

that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses by Mr *Bland* that the [they] desire a Conference with the Council upon Matters of the highest importance to the Safety and well being of this Colony.

Resolved,

That the said Conference be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeesses therewith, and that they appoint the same in the Conference Chamber.

A Message from the Burgeesses by Mr *Bland* that they have appointed six of their Members to meet the Managers appointed by the Council.

Ordered,

That *Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, and William Byrd Esq^s* be appointed Managers of the said Conference.—

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeesses that the Council have appointed three of their Members, who are ready in the Conference Chamber to meet the Managers appointed by their House.

Then the Managers withdrew.

And being returned;

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported, that they met the Managers for the Burgeesses, who delivered to them a Petition to his most excellent Majesty, a Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, and a Remonstrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeesses of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, agreed to by their House, and desired the Council to concur with them therein.

Ordered,

That the said Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance be immediately read;

And the same were read accordingly.

Resolved,

That the same be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Managers for the Council return the said Petition, Memorial, and Remonstrance to the Managers for the Burgeesses, acquaint them that the Council have agreed
to

to the same, and recommend it to the House of Burgeffes to direct the Committee of Correspondence, that they desire the Agent for this Colony in *Great-Britain* to Act in conjunction with the Agent for the Council there in soliciting the said Petition, Memorial, and Remonstrance and endeavouring to obtain the ends thereof.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council desire a free Conference immediately on the subject matter of the last Conference in the Conference Chamber.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Bland* that they agree to meet the Council at the present free Conference desired by them.

Then the Managers for the Council withdrew.

And being returned

Thomas Nelson Esq^r reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgeffes, delivered back to them the Petition, Memorial, and Remonstrance acquainted them the Council agreed to the same, and recommended it to their House to direct the Committee of Correspondence to desire the Agent for this Colony to act in conjunction with the Agent for the Council in soliciting the same.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Lee* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for the ease of the people by paying the Burgeffes Wages in money for this present Session of Assembly*, to which they desire the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered

a second and third reading immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'clock.

Saturday April 16. 1768.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Mercer* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for the better securing the payment of the debt due to the Country from the Estate of John Robinson Esq^r late Treasurer of this Colony*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and

On the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Cary* that they had passed a Resolve for paying the several Officers of the General Assembly, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Treasurer* that they desire a Conference with the Council on the Subject of the last Conference.

Resolved,

That the said Conference be agreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith. and that they have appointed the ſame immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Then the Managers withdrew;

And being returned,

Thomas Nelson Eſq^r reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgeſſes, who delivered to them the Petition, Memorial, and Remonſtrance, and deſired that the ſame be ſigned by the Council.

William Nelson Eſq^r in behalf of the Council accordingly ſigned them.

Ordered,

That the ſame be returned by the Managers for the Council to the Managers for the Burgeſſes, and that a Conference be deſired with them for that purpoſe.—

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council deſire an immediate Conference on the Subject of the laſt in the Conference Chamber.

A Meſſage by Mr *Treaſurer* that the Burgeſſes agreed to the Conference deſired by the Council.

The Managers then withdrew;

And being returned,

Thomas Nelson Eſq^r reported that they had met the Managers for the Burgeſſes, and returned to them the Petition, Memorial, and Remonſtrance Signed by the Preſident of the Council.

A Meſſage from the Burgeſſes by Mr *Diggs* that he was ordered to lay the inrolled Bills and Reſolves before the Council for their inſpection.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry down the ſaid Bills and Reſolves, and acquaint the Burgeſſes that the Council are Satisfied the ſame are truly inrolled.

Preſent The Preſident.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Houſe of Burgeſſes, that the Preſident commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them ſuch Bills and Reſolves as are ready for his Affent.

The Houſe of Burgeſſes accordingly attending the Preſident was pleaſed to give his Affent to the following private Bills viz^t [For the 7 enumerated Acts, ſee J. of H. of B., p. 176.]

The Preſident was likewiſe pleaſed to give his Affent to the following Reſolves viz^t
A Reſolve for allowing the Printer his Salary.

A Reſolve for paying certain Salaries to the ſeveral Officers of the General Affembly.

Then Mr *Speaker* delivered the Petition to his Majeſty the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, and the Remonſtrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeſſes of *Great-Britain* in Parliament aſſembled to the Preſident deſiring his Honor to tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty's principal Secretary of State appointed to manage the affairs of *North America*: which the Preſident was pleaſed to ſay ſhould be done.

And then his Honor was pleaſed to Prorogue the General Affembly to the third *Thursday* in *July* next.

N. Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Monday* the eighth day of *May*, in the ninth year of the Reign of our Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fixty nine.

At a General Assembly begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Monday* the eighth day of *May*, in the ninth year of the Reign of our Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine.

[*Monday May* the 18th, 1769.]

Present.

HIS Excellency the Right Honourable *Norborne* Baron de *Botecourt* [Botetourt], his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, and Vice Admiral of the same, *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax, John Page* Esquires.

The President informed the Governor that a hundred and nine of the Members returned Burgeffes, were sworn and met in their House.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Excellency was pleased to say to them, *Gentlemen*, You must return to your House, and immediately proceed to the choice of a Speaker. Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Archibald Cary* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, that their House had made choice of a Speaker, and desired to know his Excellency's pleasure, when they shall attend to present him; to which the Governor was pleased to say, he would send an Answer by a Messenger of his own.

They then withdrew.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands them to attend him immediately in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes attending presented *Peyton Randolph* Esq^r as their Speaker, who, being approved of by his Excellency, made the usual Petition for Security of their persons and Estates from Arrests and prosecutions, for freedom of Speech in their House, a power over their own members, and lastly that none of his failings or mistakes might be imputed to the House. All which Privileges the Governor was pleased to confirm, and then made the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The King having been graciously pleased [See J. of H. of B., 1766-1769, pp. 188-189.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Ordered,

That the Clerk read the Governor's speech: And the same was read accordingly.

Resolved,

That an Address be prepared to return his Excellency the thanks of this House for his kind speech, to congratulate his Lordship on the safe delivery of the Queen, and the birth

birth of another Princefs—to acknowledge his Majesty's goodness in appointing a Governor in Chief to reside among us—to express our satisfaction for the joy diffus'd thro' the whole Country on his arrival to the Government of this Colony—and to assure his Excellency of our fidelity to his Majesty, and firm attachment to his sacred Person and Government.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is referr'd to *Richard Corbin, William Byrd, and Philip Ludwell Lee*, Esquires, to prepare the same.

Then the House adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday May the 9th 1769.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order prepared an Address to the Governor: which Address was read, and agreed to, and is as follows.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Council of this his most antient Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, return your Excellency our hearty thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech at the opening of this Session. And as every event that adds to the domestic happiness of the best of Sovereigns, must give the sincerest joy to all his Subjects, we beg leave to rejoice with your Lordship on the safe delivery of the Queen, and the birth of another Princefs. Our minds are filled with the most lively sentiments of gratitude to his Majesty, for his great goodness in appointing a Governor in Chief to reside among us. The arrival of your Lordship in that capacity has diffused a general joy through the whole Country; and we flatter ourselves, from your Lordships experience, and great knowledge in the true principles of Government, that when the Annals of these times shall be handed down to posterity they will here begin a new Aera; your Lordship's administration will be distinguished by the love of Order, the steady and impartial distribution of justice, and the Constitution will be fixed on the solid basis of public Liberty. Permit us, my Lord, to indulge this pleasing hope, and to assure your Excellency, in the strongest manner, of our unshaken fidelity to his Majesty, and our firm attachment to his sacred person and Government, on the support of which, we are fully convinced, the safety and prosperity of this Colony will entirely depend.

Ordered,

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it, wait on his Excellency to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

Two more of the Burgesses were this day sworn.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday May the 10th 1769.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to Order waited on the Governor to know when and where his Excellency would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and that his Lordship answered he would receive it in the Council Chamber this day at one o'Clock.

Present His Excellency.

William

William Nelson Esq°, by desire of the President, in behalf of the Council, presented their Address to the Governor, to which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

It is impossible to be more pleased and obliged than I am by every word in your most affectionate Address. I rejoice in your Ideas, and will report to my Royal Master, that his Council of *Virginia* will yield to none of his Subjects, in Loyalty and devotion to his sacred Person and Government.

Absent The Governor.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday May the 11th 1769.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, *William Nelson, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax, John Page Esquires.*

A message was delivered from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Treasurer* that they had appointed a Chaplain who was ordered to read prayers every morning at eight o'Clock.

Another Member of the House of Burgesses was this day sworn.

Then the House, on a motion made for that purpose, adjourned till *Friday* se'nnight.

Wednesday May the 17th 1769.

HIS Excellency this day ordered the Clerk of the General Assembly to go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that he commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes attending his Excellency was pleased to exprefs himself in these words,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

I have heard of your Resolves, and augur ill of their effect: You have made it my duty to diffolve you, and you are diffolved accordingly.

A true Copy.

N: Walthoe C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on
Tuesday the seventh Day of *November*, in the tenth Year of
the Reign of our Lord *George* the Third, by the Grace of God,
of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the
Faith &c Annoque Domini, 1769.

General Assembly, begun and held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, on *Tuesday* the seventh Day of *November*, in the tenth Year of the Reign of our Lord *George* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c Annoque Domini, 1769.

[*Tuesday November 7th, 1769.*]

Present

HIS Excellency the Right Honorable *Norborne* Baron de *Botetourt* his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, and Vice Admiral of the same.—*John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax, John Page* Esquires

The President inform'd the Governor that Ninety three of the Members return'd Burgeffes, were sworn and met in their House.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor Commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending his Excellency was pleased to say to them, *Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,*

"You must return again to your House, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker"

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

A Message from the Burgeffes, by Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, that their House had made Choice of a Speaker, and desired to know his Excellency's Pleasure when they shall attend to present him; to which the Governor was pleas'd to say, he would send an answer by a Messenger of his own.

They then withdrew.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands them to attend him immediately in the Council Chamber.

The Burgeffes attending presented *Peyton Randolph* Esquire as their Speaker, who being approved of by his Excellency, made the usual Petition, for security of their Persons and Estates from arrests and Prosecutions, for freedom of Speech in their House, a Power over their own Members, and lastly that none of his failings or mistakes might be imputed to the House.

All which Privileges the Governor was pleased to confirm, and then made the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.—

I have again received [See J. of H. of B., 1766-1769, pp. 226-7.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent The Governor

Ordered,

That the Clerk read the Governor's Speech.

And the same was read accordingly

Resolved,

That an humble Address be prepared, to return his Excellency the sincere thanks of this House for his kind Speech to assure his Lordship that the several Matters recommended

mended by him will be attended to and consider'd by us with that temper and Moderation, which the importance of them requires, and that we shall readily comply with all such measures as may best promote the honour of the Crown and good of his Majesty's Subjects of *Virginia*—to express the Satisfaction we receive from his Lordships information respecting the intention of his Majesty's Ministers in favour of *America*—to acknowledge that our expectations on his Lordships arrival in the Colony have been fully answered by his wife Administration, which we look upon as a preface of happiness to this Country.

Ordered

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is referred to *Thomas Nelson Richard Corbin*, and *Robert Carter Esquires* to prepare the same.

A Message from the Burgeesses by Mr *Treasurer* that they had appointed a Chaplain who was ordered to read Prayers every Morning at nine o'Clock.

Then the House adjourned til Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday November 8th 1769.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Thomas Nelson Esquire reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to order prepared an Address to the Governor: Which Address was read, and agreed to, and is as follows,

My Lord,

We his Majestys dutiful Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, return your Excellency our sincerest thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session, and for the opportunity you have afforded us of dispatching the public business of this Dominion. Your Excellency may be assured that the several Matters you have so earnestly recommended to the Legislature at this time, will be attended to, and considered by the Council with all the temper and moderation, which the importance of them requires; and that we shall give a chearful and ready compliance with all such Measures as may best promote the honour of the Crown, and the happiness of his Majesty's Subjects of *Virginia*.—

The information Your Excellency has been pleased to give us of the intention of his Majesty's Ministers to propose in the next Session of Parliament, to take off the duty upon Paper, Glafs, and Colours, is extremely agreeable to us; as a repeal of the Revenue Acts will be the most effectual method to heal the Differences that have unhappily subsisted between *Great Britain* and her Colonies, and to restore that harmony and mutual Confidence, which are so necessary for the Welfare and prosperity of both. We acknowledge, with particular Satisfaction, that our most Sanguine expectations, upon your Excellency's arrival in the Colony, have been fully answer'd, by the experience we have already had of your prudent, wise and equitable Administration and we look upon it as a sure preface of happiness to this Country.

Ordered,

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on his Excellency to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it

Six more of the Burgeesses were this day sworn

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday November 9th 1769.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Thomas Nelson Esquire reported that the Gentlemen appointed had according to order waited on the Governor to know when and where his Excellency would be pleas'd to receive the Address of this House, and that his Lordship answered, he would receive it in the Council Chamber this day at one o'Clock.

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A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Archibald Cary*, that they had passed a Resolve for allowing the Printer his Salary, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council. Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

Present His Excellency

William Nelson Esquire by desire of the President, presented, in behalf of the Council their Address to the Governor, to which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer,

Gentlemen of the Council,

I accept with the utmost thankfulness your very affectionate Address, and am proud to acknowledge that I stand indebted to your able and friendly Council for that degree of credit with which I have been honour'd by this respectable Dominion.

Absent The Governor

Then the House, on a Motion made for that purpose Adjourn'd till *Monday* fortnight.

Monday November 27th 1769.

Present

J *JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Robert Carter, George William Fairfax, John Page* Esquires

A Message by Mr *Eyre* that the House of Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries.*

Also *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands whereof Thomas Fisher jun^r is seised and for settling Slaves of greater value to the same Uses;* to which they desir'd the concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time; and order'd to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the House had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes.*

Also *An Act for continuing the Act intituled An Act for appointing a Treasurer.*

Also *An Act for exempting free Negroes Mulattoes and Indian Women from the payment of Levies.*

Also *An Act to impower the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish of Hungars in the County of Northampton to lease certain lands therein mentioned.*

Also *An Act for adding twenty acres of Land whereof Patrick Ramfay is seised to the town of Blandford.*

Also *An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned,* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which six Bills were read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland* that they had pass'd a Resolve for paying £300 to *William Rind, Alexander Purdie, and John Dixon.*

Also a Resolve for paying *Edward Westmore* an additional Salary to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Resolves were read and agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolves.

A Message from the Burgeffes by *Richard Henry Lee* that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for reducing the several Acts of Assembly for making Provision against invasions and insurrections into one Act.*

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Also *An Act for further continuing and amending the Act intituled An Act for increasing the rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties to be paid by the respective Counties wherein the services shall be performed, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*

Which two Bills were read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr *Treasurer*, that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for adding part of the Parish of Southfarnham to the Parish of St Anne*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr *Charles Carter* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to confirm to George Marhall the fee-simple Estate in certain lands purchased by him of the Vestry of Hanover in the County of King George* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday November 28th 1769.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the County and Parish of Augusta and for adding certain Islands in the Fluvanna River to the Counties of Albemarle and Amherst*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time, immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The *Act to dock the Intail of certain lands whereof Thomas Fisher jun^r is seized and for settling Slaves of greater value to the same Uses*, was read a second Time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The *Act to confirm to George Marhall the fee simple estate in certain lands purchased by him of the Vestry of Hanover in the County of King George*, was read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said three last mention'd Bills.

The *Act for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries*, was read a second time, and Amendments being proposed and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was order'd that the said Bill as amended be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

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The *Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes*, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was read accordingly a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The *Act for continuing the Act intituled An Act for appointing a Treasurer* was read a second time, and order'd to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was read accordingly a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mention'd Bills.

A Message by *Richard Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to regulate the practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin in case of distrefs for rents*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

On a motion made, it was order'd that leave be given to bring in a Bill for preventing felling Oyfters at unseasonable times, and that *William Nelson* Esquire prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday November 29th 1769.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message by *Mr Eyre* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries.

William Nelson Esquire reported that he had according to order prepar'd a Bill for preventing felling Oyfters at unseasonable times.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and order'd to be engros'd and read a third time.

The Bill to regulate the practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin in case of distrefs for rents was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed.

The Bill for adding part of the Parish of *Southfarnham* to the Parish of *S' Anne* was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill for further continuing the Act intituled *An Act for reducing the several Acts of Assembly for making provision against invasions and insurrections into one Act* was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to

The Bill for adding twenty Acres of Land whereof *Patrick Ramfay* is seized to the town of *Blandford*, was read a second time, and order'd to be read a third time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.—

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the three laft mentioned Bills.—

The Bill for further continuing and amending the Act intituled *An Act for increafing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties to be paid by the refpective Counties wherein the fervices fhall be perform'd*, was read a fecond time, and Amendments being propofed and agreed to and made at the Table, it was order'd that the faid Bill with the Amendments be read a third time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly, read a third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Bill for exempting free Negros Mulattos and Indian Women from the payment of Levies, was read a fecond time, and Amendments being propofed, and agreed to, and made at the table, it was ordered that the faid Bill as amended be read a third time,

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Bill to impower the Churchwardens and Veftry of the Parifh of *Hungars* in the County of *Northampton* to leafe certain lands therein mentioned, was read a fecond time, and Amendments being propofed, and agreed to, and made at the table, it was order'd that the faid Bill as amended be read a third time immediately;

The faid Bill was read accordingly a third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the three laft mentioned Bills with Amendments, and defire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houfe Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Thursday November 30th 1769.

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A S YESTERDAY

An ingross'd Bill intituled *An Act to prevent felling Oyfters at unfeafonable times* was read a third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill do pafs.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have pafs'd the faid Bill, and defire their Concurrence thereto.

A Meffage by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pafs'd the Treafurers Accounts, to which they defir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Order'd

That the faid Accounts be refered to *Robert Carter*, and *George William Fairfax* Efquires to examine.

The Bill for deftroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mention'd was read a fecond time, and Amendments being propos'd, and agreed to, and made at the table, it was order'd that the faid Bill as amended be read a third time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments, and defire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the Houfe, on a motion made, Adjourned till *Monday* Morning 12 o'Clock.

Monday

(1401)

Monday December 4th 1769.

Present

AS BEFORE

The House met and Adjourned till *Wednesday* 12 o'Clock

Wednesday December 6th 1769.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Robert Carter, George William Fairfax, John Page Esquires

A Message by Mr Starke that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to relieve the People from the expence attending the execution of the laws prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds* to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr Carrington that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain lands whereof David Garland is seised in fee tail and for vesting the title in Francis Eppes Gentleman in fee simple and for settling the value thereof in slaves to the same Uses*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr Bland that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill for destroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned.

Also to their Amendments to the Bill for further continuing and amending the Act intituled *An Act for increasng the rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties to be paid by the respective Counties wherein the services shall be performed*.

Also to their Amendments to the Bill to empower the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish of Hungars in the County of Northampton to lease certain lands therein mentioned.

Also to their Amendments to the Bill for exempting free Negros Mulattos and Indian Women from the payment of Levies.

A Message by Mr Jefferson that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the General Affsembly exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County from the payment of ferriage on certain days*.

Also *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for establishing a town near Warwick in the County of Henrico*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bills be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two last mention'd Bills.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday December 7th 1769

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr Charles Carter that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to continue an Act intituled An Act for establishing Pilots and regulating their Fees*.

Also *An Act to empower the Vestry of St Marks Parish in the County of Culpeper to sell the Glebe of the said Parish and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe*.

Also

Also An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers fees and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Also An Act for continuing certain Acts of Assembly imposing duties on Slaves, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which four Bills were read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bills be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said four last mentioned Bills.

The Bill intituled *An Act to relieve the People from the expence attending the execution of the laws prohibiting the tending of Tobacco seconds*, was read the second time, and on the question that the said Bill be read a third time,

It passed in the Negative

Resolved

that the said Bill be rejected.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday December 8th 1769.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, George William Fairfax, John Page Esquires

The Bill to regulate the practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin in Cases of distrefs for rents, was read a second time, and Amendments being proposed, and agreed to, and made at the table, it was ordered that the said Bill as amended, be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof David Garland is seised in fee tail and for vesting the title in Frances Eppes Gentleman in fee simple and for settling the value thereof in Slaves to the same uses*, was read a second time, and Amendments being proposed, and agreed to, and made at the table, it was ordered that the said Bill as amended, be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mention'd Bills with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday December 9th 1769.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

Robert Carter Esquire reported that the Gentlemen appointed to examine the Treasurers Accounts had according to order examined the same, and found them truly stated.

Resolved,

That the said Accounts be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

(1403)

A Message by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments propos'd by the Council to the Bill to regulate the practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin in Cafes of Distress for rents
Then the House Adjourned till *Monday* 12 o'Clock.

Monday December 11th 1769.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax, John Page Esquires

The House met and Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday December 12th 1769.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Wednesday December 13th 1769.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Walker* that the Burgeffes had passed the Book of Claims to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands therein mentioned in Charles Carter, and for vesting other lands to the same uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow One o'Clock

Thursday December 14th 1769.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing Quarterly Courts instead of Monthly Courts in certain Counties* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time,

It pass'd in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Executors of the Will of Charles Carter Esquire to sell part of his lands for the payment of his debts and legacies*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday

Friday December 15th 1769.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires

A Message by Mr Bland that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act declaring the law concerning executions and for relief of insolvent Debtors.*

Also *An Act to divide the Parish of Hamilton in the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bills were read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr Carrington that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill to dock the Intail of certain lands whereof *David Garland* is seised in fee tail and for vesting the title in *Francis Eppes* Gentleman in fee simple and for settling the value thereof in Slaves to the same Uses, with an Amendment, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The said Amendment, was immediately taken under Consideration, and it was Resolved,

That the same be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Bland that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for reimbursing the Inhabitants of King William and Hanover Counties the expences of clearing Pamunkey River*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second time

The Bill to vest certain intailed lands therein mentioned in *Charles Carter* and for vesting other lands to the same uses, was read a second time, and order'd to be read a third time.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday December 16th 1769.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires

A Message by Mr Mercer that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Parish of St George in the County of Spotylvania and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered;

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Baker that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for adding part of the County of Nansemond to the County of Isle of Wight and for ascertaining part of the Boundary between the Counties of James City and York*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr Richard Henry Lee that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to vest three hundred Acres of land devised by Zachary Crips for a Glebe in the Parish of Ware in the County of Gloucester in Trustees to be sold and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

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The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill to amend An Act intituled *An Act declaring the law concerning executions and for relief of insolvent debtors*, was read a second time, and order'd to be read a third time.

Then the House Adjourned till Monday 12 o'Clock.

Monday December the 18th 1769.

Present

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A Message by Mr *Treasurer* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Vestry of Meherrin Parish in the County of Brunswick to sell the Glebe of the said Parish and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill for reimbursing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover* Counties the expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River, was read a second time, and order'd to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill to divide the Parish of *Hamilton* in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, was read a second time, and order'd to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to

The Bill for adding part of the County of *Nansemond* to the County of *Isle of Wight* and for ascertaining part of the Boundary between the Counties of *James City* and *York*, was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill to amend An Act intituled *An Act declaring the law concerning Executions and for relief of insolvent debtors*, was read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the five last mentioned Bills.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday December 19th 1769.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Geroge Washington* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Daniel McCarty is seised and for settling other lands and Slaves to the same uses*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;
 The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and Amendments being propos'd
 and disagreed to, it was order'd that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;
 The said Bill was read accordingly a third time, and on the Question put that the
 said Bill be agreed to,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr *Eyre* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to appoint Commissioners to state and settle the damages done by the late Storm in several Warehouses*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday December 20th 1769.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr *Cary* that they had pass'd a Resolve for paying fundry Militia Claims, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for laying a public Levy*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.—

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd the Book of Proportions to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Resolved,

That the Book of Proportions be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the better support of the Contingent Charges of Government*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill, and to the Book of Proportions.

A Message by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to prevent forging the Treafury Notes of this Colony in circulation*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the ease and relief of the People by paying the Burgeffes in Money for the last convention and present Session of Affembly*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two Bills.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Resolve for paying *Charles Tomkies* thirty Pounds for the damages he sustain'd by means of his Slave being frost bitten in Goal.

Also a Resolve for paying *Benjamin Powell* £79: 11: 11 for repairs done to the Capitol, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Resolves were read, and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend An Act intituled An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a duty upon Liquors into one Act*, to which they desir'd the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Harrison* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for laying an additional duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony*.

Also *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for inspecting Pork Beef Flour Tar Pitch and Turpentine* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the three last mentioned Bills.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday December 21st 1769.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell,
John Page Esquires

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for the more speedy and effectual recovery of the debt due to the Public from the Estate of the late Treasurer*.

Also

Also *An Act for paying Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties for services done in the Counties therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time, and Ordered to be read a second and third time immediately.

The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Henry Lee* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act to impower the Vestry of Dettingen Parish in the County of Prince William to sell the Glebe of the said Parish and lay out the money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was read accordingly a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Mercer* that the Burgeffes had pass'd a Bill intituled *An Act for reimbursing the late Vestry of the Parish of Frederick in the County of Frederick the amount of a Judgment therein mention'd*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and order'd to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.—

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Order'd

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the four last mentioned Bills.

A Message by Mr *Dudley Digges* that he was order'd by the House of Burgeffes to bring up the inrolled Bills and Resolves for the Inspection of the Council.

Order'd,

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills and Resolves, and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council are satisfied the same are truly inrolled.

Present The Governor

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 41 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 353-4.]

His Excellency was pleased also to give his Assent to the following Resolves. [For the 6 enumerated Resolves, see J. of H. of B., pp. 354-5.]

And then his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes

I thank you very sincerely [See J. of H. of B., p. 355.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor

Then the House on a Motion made for that Purpose Adjourn'd agreeably to his Excellency's direction to the 21st of May next.

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Monday May 21st 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd,
John Page Esquires, M^r Commissary
The House met and adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'clock

Tuesday May 22^d 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd,
Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires, M^r Commissary
The House met and Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock

Wednesday May 23^d 1770.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r Bland that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a Town in the County of Pittsylvania.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges or Stops on the Rivers therein mentioned to make Openings or Slopes therein for the passage of Fish,* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The first of the said Bills was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately:

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time; and an Amendment being proposed, agreed to, and made at the table, it was Ordered that the said Bill as amended be read a third time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly as amended, read the third time.

Resolved,

That the Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

The second of the said Bills was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgesses, that the Council have agreed to the first of the said Bills with an Amendment, to which they desire their Concurrence; and to the second Bill without any Amendment.

Then the House on a Motion made and agreed to, Adjourned till *Wednesday* next.

Wednesday May 30th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires,
M^r Commissary

A Message from the House of Burgesses by M^r Bland, that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a Town in the County of Pittsylvania.*

Also that they had passed the six following Bills intituled

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An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.

An Act to vest certain lands whereof John Robinfon Esquire died seized in trust for Philip Johnfon Gentleman and his Children in Trustees for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to dock the Intail of four thousand Acres of land in the County of Isle of Wight whereof James Burwell is seized in Fee tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in fee simple for certain purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to repeal An Act for increaseng the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of Frederick in the County of Frederick.

An Act for clearing a road from Payne's run in the County of Augusta to Thurman's in the County of Albemarle.

An Act for settling the Fees of the Clerk and Serjeant of the Court of Hustings for the City of Williamsburg—to all which Bills they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

All which six Bills were read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock

Thursday May 31st 1770.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain lands whereof John Robinfon Esquire died seized in trust for Philip Johnfon Gentleman and his Children in Trustees for the purposes therein mentioned*, was read, a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for settling the fees of the Clerk and Serjeant of the Court of Hustings for the City of Williamsburg*, was read the second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for clearing a road from Payne's run in the County of Augusta, to Thurman's in the County of Albemarle*, was read a second time, and an Amendment being proposed, agreed to, and made at the table, it was ordered that the said Bill as amended be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two first of the last mentioned Bills without any Amendment, and to the third with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock

Friday June 1st 1770.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The House met and Adjourned till Monday 12 o'clock.

Monday

(1411)

Monday June 4th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires, Mr Commissary

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr Marshall that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to explain and amend An Act of this present Session of Assembly intituled An Act to divide the Parish of Hamilton in the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock.

Tuesday June 5th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires Mr Commissary

A Message from the Burgeffes by Mr Bland that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act passed in the former part of this Session of Assembly for reimbursing the Counties of Hanover and King William the Expence of clearing Pamunkey River* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.—

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Bland that the Burgeffes had disagreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for clearing a road from Payne's run in the County of Augusta to Thurman's in the County of Albemarle*, and desired they would agree to the said Bill without the Amendment.

The Council having taken the said Amendment under Consideration, receded from the same.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of four thousand Acres of Land in the County of Isle of Wight whereof James Burwell is seised in fee tail, and for vesting the same in trustees in fee-simple for certain purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second time; and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock.

Wednesday

(1412)

Wednesday June 6th 1770.

Present

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S YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock.

Thursday June 7th 1770.

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S YESTERDAY

The House met and adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock

Friday June 8th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires, Mr Commissary.

A Message by Mr Richard Henry Lee that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain lands whereof Bernard Moore Esquire is seized in fee tail in trustees to be sold and the money laid out in the purchase of other lands and Slaves to be settled to the same Uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice it was Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr Eyre that they had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands and Slaves therein mentioned in Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage Gentleman, in fee simple and to settle other lands in lieu thereof*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered, to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

A Message by Mr Pendleton that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands whereof Charles Lewis, Gentleman, is seized in John Lewis, Gentleman, in fee simple, and settle other lands to the same Uses*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

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The said Bill was read accordingly a second time; and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of certain Lands and Slaves whereof John Page Esquire is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater value to the same Uses*, to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands therein mentioned in Charles Carter and for vesting other lands to the same Uses*, some Amendments having been proposed, prepared, and agreed to; and the Allegations proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, was read the third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* and Mr *Washington* that they were ordered by the House of Burgeffes to desire the Council to expedite the passage of a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Intail of certain lands whereof Daniel McCarty is seized and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses*.

The Council having taken the said Message under Consideration, it was ordered that the Clerk go down to the House of Burgeffes, and deliver the following Message

The Council's Answer to the Message of your House to expedite [See J. of H. of B., p. 56.]

Then the House Adjourned till 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Saturday June 9th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires, Mr Commissary

The House met and adjourned till Tuesday next 12 o'clock.

Tuesday June 12th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires, Mr Commissary

The House met and adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock

Wednesday June 13th 1770.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The house met and adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock

Thursday

Thursday June 14th 1770.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

The Bill intituled *An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act for regulating the practice of Attornies*, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately,

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to suspend the Execution of an Act intituled An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for the inspection of pork, beef, flour, tar, pitch and turpentine*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Blair* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain lands in David Mead in fee simple, whereof the said David and Sarah his Wife are seized in right of the said Sarah in fee tail and for settling other lands in lieu thereof*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;—

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging the making Hemp*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately; the said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and amendments being proposed, agreed to, and made at the table, it was ordered that the said Bill as amended be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.—

A Message by Mr *Dixon* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of five hundred and fifty Acres of land in the County of Gloucester whereof Sarah the Wife of John Rootes Gentleman, is seized and for vesting the same in Trustees for the purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and some Amendments being proposed, agreed to, And prepared; and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill as amended, be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the three first of the five last mentioned Bills, without any Amendment, and to the two last with Amendments, and desire their concurrence.

A Message by Mr Nelson that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of two thousand eight hundred Acres of land in the County of Brunswick whereof Armistead Lightfoot is seized in fee tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees to be sold for certain purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Message by Mr Bland that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court Days of several Counties therein mentioned*.—

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for better regulating the Collections of County and Parish Levies*.

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to appoint Trustees in the room of those who are dead for the Pamunkey Indians, and with further Power to hear and determine controversies among them*.

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for regulating the election of Burgeffes, for declaring their privileges, and allowances, and for fixing the rights of Electors*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which four Bills were read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the House Adjourned till 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Friday June 15th 1770.

Present

AS YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr Pendleton that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Vestry of Bristol Parish in the Counties of Dinwiddie and Prince George to sell their Glebe*.

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed Lands whereof William and John Armistead Gentlemen, are seized in Trustees to be sold for payment of the debts due from the Estate of their Father*.

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands therein mentioned in George Brooke Gentleman, in fee simple, and for settling other lands of greater value in lieu thereof*.

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands whereof Samuel Meredith is seized in Trustees to be sold for the purposes therein mentioned* to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr Dixon that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending An Act intituled An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the towns of Fredericksburg and Richmond and for enlarging the town of Fredericksburg*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message by Mr Bland that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act intituled An Act for the better securing the payment of Levies, and restraint of Vagrants, and for making provision for the poor*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Then the House Adjourned till Monday 12 o'clock.

Monday June 18th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires

The Bill intituled *An Act to repeal An Act for increasing the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of Frederick in the County of Frederick*, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

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The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands and Slaves whereof John Page Esquire is seized and for settling other lands of greater value to the same Uses*, was read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of two thousand eight hundred Acres of land in the County of Brunswick whereof Armistead Lightfoot is seized in fee-tail, and vesting the same in Trustees to be sold for certain purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to appoint Trustees in the room of those who are dead, for the Pamunkey Indians and with further power to hear and determine controversies among them*, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to empower the Vestry of Bristol Parish in the Counties of Dinwiddie and Prince George to sell their Glebe*, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time;

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands whereof William and John Armistead Gentlemen are seized in Trustees to be sold for payment of the debts due from the Estate of their Father*, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands therein mentioned in George Brooke Gent in fee Simple, and for settling other lands of greater value in lieu thereof*, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the seven last mentioned Bills.

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands whereof Samuel Meredith is seized in Trustees to be sold for the purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

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The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending An Act intituled An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing fairs to be kept in the towns of Fredericksburg and Richmond and for enlarging the town of Fredericksburg*, was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill intituled *An Act for better regulating the Collections of County and Parish Levies*, was read a second time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved

That the Bill be rejected.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock.

Tuesday June 19th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires, Mr Commissary

The Bill intituled *An Act to vest certain intailed lands whereof Samuel Meredith is seized in Trustees to be sold for the purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill [be] rejected.

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act intituled An Act for the better securing the payment of Levies and restraint of Vagrants, and for making provision for the poor*, was read a second time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third time,

It passed in the Negative

Resolved

that the said Bill be rejected.

The Bill intituled *An Act for regulating the election of Burgeffes for declaring their Privileges and allowances and for fixing the rights of Electors*, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court days of several Counties therein mentioned*, was read a second time and an Amendment being proposed, agreed to, and prepared, it was ordered that the said Bill as amended, be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending An Act intituled An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing fairs to be kept in the towns of Fredericksburg, and Richmond and for enlarging the town of Fredericksburg*, was read a second time, and an Amendment being proposed, agreed to, and made at the table, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately; as amended;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill with the Amendment be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the first of the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment, and to the two last with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to compel Persons to find Security for payment of costs in certain Cases*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing Commissioners to meet with Commissioners who are or may be appointed by the Legislature of the neighbouring Colonies to form and agree upon a general plan for the regulating of the Indian trade*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two last mentioned Bills.—

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had passed the Treasurers Accounts from *November 14th, 1769 to the 19th of May 1770.*

Also a Resolve for paying one hundred pounds to each of the Commissioners for regulating the Indian trade.

Also a Resolve that forty pounds sterling, and ten Pounds ten Shillings Sterling be laid out by the Treasurer in purchasing two iron Chests for securing the public money in the Treasury, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which two Resolves were read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said two Resolves.

Ordered,

That the Treasurer's Accounts be referred to *Robert Carter*, and *John Page* Esquires to examine.

Then the House Adjourned till 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Wednesday June 20th 1770.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

John Page Esquire reported that the Gentlemen appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts had according to order examined the same, and found them truly stated.

Resolved,

That the said Accounts be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday

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Thursday June 21st 1770.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Harrison* that the Burgeffes had disagreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging the making Hemp*, and desired they would recede from the said Amendments

A Message by Mr *Pendleton* that the Burgeffes had disagreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of five hundred and fifty Acres of land in the County of Gloucester whereof Sarah the wife of John Rootes Gentleman is seized, and for vesting the same in Trustees for the purposes therein mentioned*, and desired they would agree to the said Bill without any Amendments

The Council having immediately taken under consideration their Amendments to the said two Bills, on the Question put severally on each, insisted on the same.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council insist on their Amendments to the said two Bills, and desire they will recede from their disagreements

A Message by Mr *Mercer* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for altering the Court days of several Counties therein mentioned*;

And also to the Amendments made by them to the Bill intituled *An Act for continuing and amending An Act intituled An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing fairs to be kept in the towns of Fredericksburg and Richmond*, and for enlarging the town of *Fredericksburg*.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock.

Friday June 22^d 1770.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Bland* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend the Act for better regulating and disciplining the Militia to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council*.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was according [ly] read a second time; and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a third time,

It passed in the Negative

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by Mr *Starke* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal An Act made in the 22^d year of his late Majesty's reign intituled An Act concerning Strays, and to establish a more effectual method to prevent frauds committed by persons taking up Strays*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill.

Then the House Adjourned till *Monday* 12 o'clock.

Monday

Monday June 25. 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esquires, M^r Commissary

A Message by M^r Eyre that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for dissolving the several Vestries therein mentioned*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by M^r Cary that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to annex part of the County of York to the County of James City, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

Also to a Bill intituled *An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act against stealing hogs*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bills were accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the three last mentioned Bills.

A Message by M^r Harrison that the Burgeffes adhere to their disagreement to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging the making hemp* and desire the Council will recede from the said Amendments.

The Council immediately took the said Amendments under consideration, and on the Question put for receding from the same,

It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council recede from the said Amendments.

A Message by M^r Cary that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to amend the Act intituled An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands whereof Robert Burwell Esquire is seized in tail male and for settling other lands of equal value in lieu thereof.*

Also a Bill intituled *An Act for appointing several new ferries and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which three Bills were read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A Message by M^r Eyre that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to repeal part of an Act intituled An Act of free and general pardon indemnity and oblivion*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and on the Question put that the said Bill be read a second time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message by M^r Cary that the Burgeffes had passed a Resolve for paying an additional Salary to the Printer, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message by Mr Cary that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for the relief of Pariſhes from ſuch charges as may ariſe from baſtard Children born within the ſame.*

Alſo a Bill intituled *An Act for encouraging the making Wine;* to which they deſired the concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the firſt time, and ordered to be read a ſecond time.

Then the Houſe Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock

Tueſday June 26th 1770.

Preſent

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Eſquires, Mr Commiſſary

A Message by Mr Cary that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands whereof Francis Eppes is ſeized and for ſettling other lands in lieu thereof.*

Alſo a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands whereof Richard Johnſon is ſeized and for ſettling other lands and Slaves to the ſame Uſes,* to which they deſired the concurrence of the Council.

Which two Bills were read the firſt time, and ordered to be read a ſecond time immediately;

The ſaid Bills were accordingly read a ſecond time; and the Allegations being proved to the ſatisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the ſaid Bills be read a third time immediately;

The ſaid Bills were accordingly read a third time.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

A Message by Mr Rutherford that the Burgeſſes had paſſed a Bill intituled *An Act for dividing the Pariſhes of Frederick in the County of Frederick and Cameron in the County of Loudoun and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo a Bill intituled *An Act for better regulating the election of Veſtries,* to which they deſired the concurrence of the Council.

The firſt of which Bills was read the firſt time, and ordered to be read a ſecond and third time immediately;

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a ſecond and third time.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeſſes therewith.

The Bill for better regulating the election of Veſtries, was read the firſt time, and on the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

The Bill for the relief of Pariſhes from ſuch Charges as may ariſe from baſtard Children born within the ſame, was read a ſecond time, and ordered to be read a third time.

The Bill for appointing ſeveral new Ferries and for other purpoſes therein mentioned, was read a ſecond time; and Amendments being propoſed, agreed to, and prepared, it was ordered that the ſaid Bill as amended, be read a third time immediately;

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a third time—

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the faid Bill with Amendments and desire their Concurrence.

The Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The Bill to amend the Act intituled *An Act to amend the Act for the better government of Servants and Slaves*, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

The Bill to dock the intail of certain lands whereof *Robert Burwell Esquire* is seized in tail male and for settling other lands of equal value in lieu thereof, was read a second time, and Amendments being proposed, agreed to, and prepared, and the Allegations proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of notice, it was ordered that the faid Bill, with the Amendments, be read a third time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the first of the two last mentioned Bills, without any Amendment, and to the second with Amendments and desire their Concurrence.

The Bill for encouraging the making Wine, was read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr *Henry Lee*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to explain certain doubts touching the jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings of the City of Williamsburg*, to which, they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The faid Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the two last mentioned Bills—

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 12 o'clock.

Wednesday June 27th 1770.

Present

JOHN BLAIR, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, William Bird, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires, Mr Commissary

A Message by Mr *Simpson* that the Burgeffes had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to prevent hogs and dogs running at large on the island of Gingoteague*, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and on the Question put that the faid Bill be read a second time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved

That the faid Bill be rejected.

The

The Bill for the relief of Parishes from such charges as may arise from bastard children born within the same, was read the third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr Blair that the Burgeesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to make provision for the support and maintenance of Ideots Lunatics, and other persons of unsound mind*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr Cary that the Burgeesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act for establishing a town at Rocky Ridge, Gloucester Court House, and Laytons Warehouse, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr Nelson that the Burgeesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to dock the intail of certain lands whereof John Wormeley Gentleman is seized and for settling other lands and Slaves to the same Uses*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and the Allegations being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message by Mr Wilson that the Burgeesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to confirm an Agreement made by Thomas Talbutt with the Court of Norfolk County*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

The Bill intituled *An Act to prevent the exorbitant exactions of the Collectors of the County and Parish Levies*, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and Amendments being proposed and agreed to, it was ordered that the said Bill as amended be read a third time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

A Message by Mr Cary that the Burgeesses had passed a Bill intituled *An Act to regulate the inoculation of the small-pox within this Colony*, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and Amendments being proposed and agreed to, it was ordered that the said Bill as amended be read a third time immediately; The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the five first of the seven last mentioned Bills, without any Amendment, and to the two last of the said Bills with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence.

Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow 10 o'clock.

Thursday June 28th 1770.

Present

A S YESTERDAY

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had passed a Schedule containing a Account of all sums of Money which have been agreed by the House since the 21st day of *December* last to be paid by the public, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry down the said Schedule to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same.

The Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs* was read a second time, and Amendments being proposed and agreed to it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time as amended;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have agreed to the said Bill with Amendments and desire their Concurrence.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the fifth, and sixth Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, and disagreed to the second, third, and fourth, and desired the Council would recede from the same.

The Council immediately took under consideration the said Amendments disagreed to by the Burgeffes, and on the Question put severally on each, receded from the second and third, and insisted on the fourth Amendment.

Ordered

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes therewith, and desire they will recede from their disagreement to the said fourth Amendment.

A Message by Mr *Cary* that the Burgeffes insist on their disagreement to the said fourth Amendment.

Ordered,

That the Clerk go down and acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Council desire a free Conference on the subject of the said Amendment.

A Message by Mr *Treasurer* that the Burgeffes had agreed to the Conference desired by the Council, and had appointed six of their members to manage the same.

Ordered

That *William Nelson Thomas Nelson*, and *Robert Burwell Esquires* be appointed Managers; and that the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have appointed three of their members who are ready in the Conference Chamber, to meet the Managers of their House.

Then the Managers withdrew,

And

And being returned, *William Nelson* Esquire reported that they had met the Conferees, and delivered to them the reasons which influenced the Council to insist on their said Amendment, and desired them to make report thereof to their House.

A Message by Mr *Treasurer* that the House of Burgesses desired a second free Conference upon the subject of the first.

Which was agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the said Conference and that their Managers are ready, in the Conference Chamber for that purpose.

The Managers immediately withdrew.

And being returned, *William Nelson* Esquire reported the reasons offered by the Conferees to invalidate the arguments made use of by the Council in support of the Amendment insisted upon by them:

Which reasons being considered by the Council, and judged unsatisfactory, on the Question put that the Council adhere to their said Amendment,

It passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Amendment be adhered to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the house of Burgesses therewith

A Message by Mr *Treasurer* that the Burgesses desired a Conference on the subject of the last.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgesses that the Council have agreed to the same, and that their Managers are ready in the Conference Chamber.

Then the Managers withdrew;

And being returned, *William Nelson* Esquire, reported that the Conferees had acquainted them that the House of Burgesses receded from their disagreement to the Amendment made by the Council which had been the subject of their Conferences.

Then the House Adjourned till six o'clock in the afternoon

Present

AS IN the Morning

A Message by Mr *Digges* that he was ordered by the House of Burgesses to lay the inrolled Bills and Resolves before the Council.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry down the said Bills and Resolves, and acquaint the Burgesses that the Council are satisfied they are truly inrolled.

Present His Excellency

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgesses that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgesses accordingly attending, his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills. [For the 48 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 107-109.]

His Excellency was pleased also to give his assent to the following Resolves [For these Resolves, see J. of H. of B., p. 109.]

And then his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses.

It is with the utmost Gratitude [See J. of H. of B., p. 109.]

A true Copy

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AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

begun and held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Tuesday* the seventh Day of *November* in the tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland* King, defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord 1769; and from thence continued by several Prorogations, to *Thursday* the eleventh of *July* in the eleventh Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1771; and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the second Session of this present General Assembly.

At a General Assembly begun and held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Tuesday* the seventh Day of *November* in the tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland* King, defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord 1769; and from thence continued by several Prorogations, to *Thursday* the eleventh of *July* in the eleventh Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord 1771; and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the second Session of this present General Assembly.

Thursday July 11th 1771.

Present

THE Honourable *William Nelson*, Esquire, President; *Thomas Nelson*, *William Byrd*, *Robert Burwell*, *John Page*, *Ralph Wormeley jun^r* Esquires.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the Burgeffes, that the President commands them to attend his Honour immediately in the Council-Chamber.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Honour was pleased to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The very great and heavy Loss [See J. of H. of B., 1770-1772, pp. 119-120.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew

Absent the President.

Ordered,

That the Clerk read the President's Speech;

And the same was read accordingly

Resolved,

That an Address be prepared, to return his Honour the Thanks of this House for his Speech at the opening of this Session; to express our Concern for the Distresses and Sufferings of our Fellow-Subjects, and to assure him of our Willingness to afford them such Relief as their Necessities may require, and the Circumstances of our Country will admit of, and to condole with him on the very great Loss this Country hath sustained by the Death of our late Excellent Governor.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution; and it is referred to *William Byrd*, *John Page*, & *Ralph Wormeley jun^r* Esq^{rs} to prepare the same.

A new Member for the County of *Botetourt* was this Day sworn.

And then the House adjourned till 12 o'Clock To-Morrow.

Friday

Friday, July 12th 1771.

Present

AS YESTERDAY except the President.

Two new Members were this Day Sworn, viz. one for the College of *William and Mary*, and the other for the County of *Loudoun*.

William Byrd, Esquire, reported, That the Gentlemen appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Address to the President: Which Address was read and agreed to, and is as follows;

'To the Honourable *William Nelson, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia*;

'*The Address of the Council*,

'Sir,

'We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia*, now met in 'General Assembly, beg Leave to return your Honour our Thanks, for your affectionate 'Speech at the opening of this Session.

'The very great and heavy Loss, which the Merchants and Inhabitants of this 'Colony have sustained by the late overflowing of the Rivers, is a general and extensive 'Calamity; and we think our Selves bound in Duty to concur in every Measure which 'may be thought necessary to relieve the unhappy Sufferers in the most speedy and 'effectual Manner.

'The many and great Virtues of our late worthy Governor, the Right Honourable 'Lord *Botetourt*, call upon us in the strongest Manner to condole with You on the Death 'of that Noble Lord, who made the real Happiness of this Colony, the Object of his 'most ardent Wishes. At the same Time, permit us, *Sir*, to express our Satisfaction in 'the great Attention You have paid to the Affairs of Government since the Adminis- 'tration devolved upon You, and to assure You we think our Country happy, in having 'a Native, of your distinguished Abilities and long Experience in Business, to preside 'over us.

Ordered,

That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the President, to know when & where he will be pleased to receive it.

Then the House adjourned till 12 o'Clock, To-Morrow,

Saturday, July 13th 1771.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

William Byrd, Esquire, reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to Order, waited on the President, to know when and where his Honour would be pleased to receive the Address of this House; and that he answered, he would receive the same in the Council-Chamber this Day at one o'Clock.

Present The President.

Thomas Nelson, in Behalf of the Council, presented their Address to the President, to which his Honour was pleased to return the following Answer,

'*Gentlemen of the Council*,

'This obliging Address calls for the warmest Return of Thanks from me; both on 'Account of your Disposition to concur in relieving the unhappy Sufferers, as well as 'for your favourable Opinion of my Self. If there be any Part of my Conduct in the 'Administration of Government that merits Approbation, Justice requires me publicly 'to declare, that I am indebted for it to the Candour, Wisdom, and Integrity of the 'Advice I have on all Occasions received from You.

Absent the President.

Then the House adjourned till 12 o'Clock on *Wednesday* next.

Wednesday

Wednesday, July 17th 1771.

Present

T HOMAS NELSON, *Richard Corbin, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley jun^r Esquires.*
The House met and adjourned till 12 o'Clock, To-Morrow.

Thursday, July 18th 1771.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message by M^r *Archibald Cary*, That the Burgeffes had passed a Refolve for paying the Public Printer his Salary.

Which Refolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Refolve.

A new Member for the County of *Middlesex* was this Day sworn.

A Message by M^r *Nelson*, That the Burgeffes had passed a Refolve for paying the Keeper of the Public Goal his Salary.—

Which Refolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Refolve.

Then the House adjourned till To-Morrow, 12 o'Clock.

Friday, July 19th 1771.

Present

A S YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Bland*, That the Burgeffes had passed a Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Parish of Augusta, in the County of Augusta, to elect a Vestry.*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes therewith.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Richard Henry Lee*, That the Burgeffes had passed a Bill, intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act, intituled, an Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia.*

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately;

And the same was accordingly read the second Time; and an Amendment being proposed, agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered that the said Bill, with the Amendment, be read a third Time immediately;

And the same was accordingly read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said last mentioned Bill with an Amendment, to which they desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Archibald Cary*, That the Burgeffes had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled; '*An Act for further continuing the Act, intituled, an Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia.*'

Then the House adjourned till To-Morrow, 10 o'Clock.

Saturday July 20th 1771.

Present

AS YESTERDAY, except *Richard Corbin*, Esquire.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Archibald Cary*, that the Burgeffes had passed a Resolve for paying the Public Printer for binding the Books of the Acts of last Session.

Which Resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Resolve.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Henry Lee*, That the Burgeffes had passed a Bill, intituled, '*An Act for the Ease and Relief of the People by paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly.*'

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second and third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read the second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry down the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed to the same.

A Message by Mr *Archibald Cary*, That the House of Burgeffes had passed a Resolve for paying several Sums of Money to the Officers of the General Assembly;

Also, a Resolve, for paying several Sums of Money to several Inspectors.

Which Resolves were read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Resolves.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, That the Burgeffes had passed a Bill, intituled, '*An Act for the Relief of the Sufferers by the Loss of Tobacco damaged or burnt in several Ware-houses;*'

Also, a Resolve for erecting a Statue to the Memory of Lord *Botetourt*.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read the second and third Time immediately;

And the said Bill was accordingly read the second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Then the said last mentioned Resolve was also read; and on the Question put, that the same be agreed to, *it passed unanimously in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, Nem. Con.

That the said Resolve be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Council have agreed to the said Bill, and also to the said Resolve.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r *Dudley Digges*, That he was ordered by the House to bring up the inrolled Bills and Resolves for the Inspection of the Council.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry down the inrolled Bills and Resolves, and acquaint the Burgeffes that the Council have inspected the same, and are satisfied they are truly inrolled.

Present The President.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the President commands them to attend his Honour immediately in the Council-Chamber; and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the President was pleased to give his Assent to the following public and private Bills, viz. [For the 4 Acts passed, see J. of H. of B., p. 140.]

The President was likewise pleased to give his Assent to the following Resolves, viz. [For the 5 Resolves passed, see J. of H. of B., p. 140.]

And then his Honour was pleased to make the following Speech;

'Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, & Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

I am now to return You [See J. of H. of B., p. 140.]

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John Blair j^r C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

summoned to be held on *Thursday* the twelfth day of *December*, in the twelfth Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third by the grace of God, of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c And in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven Hundred and seventy one; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the fixth day of *February*, in the Year of our Lord, one Thousand seven hundred and seventy Two.

At a General Assembly summoned to be held on *Thursday* the twelfth day of *December*, in the twelfth Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third by the grace of God, of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c And in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven Hundred and seventy one; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the sixth day of *February*, in the Year of our Lord, one Thousand seven hundred and seventy Two.

Thursday February the sixth, 1772.

Prefent

HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honorable *John* Earl of *Dunmore*, His Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia* and Vice Admiral of the same, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley junr* Esquires.

Thirty eight Members of the House of Burgeffes were this Day sworn, which not being a sufficient Number to make a House, his Excellency was pleased to issue the following Proclamation.

"*Virginia, to wit,*

"Whereas this Day was by me, appointed for the Meeting of the General Assembly, "but the badness of the roads has prevented the number of Burgeffes requisite to make "a House, from attending; *I have therefore thought fit*, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to prorogue "the said Assembly 'til tomorrow; at which Time their Attendance is required at the "Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* for the Dispatch of Public Business."

"Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamsburg* aforesaid "this sixth Day of *February* 1772, and in the twelfth Year of his Majesty's reign."

"*Dunmore*"

"*God Save the King.*"

And several of the Burgeffes attending in the Council Chamber the said Proclamation was there publicly read by the Clerk of the General Assembly.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

summoned to meet at the Capitol on *Thursday* the twelfth Day of *December* in the twelfth Year of the reign of our Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Friday* the seventh Day of *February*, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy two.

At a General Assembly summoned to meet at the Capitol on *Thursday* the twelfth Day of *December* in the twelfth Year of the reign of our Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Friday* the seventh Day of *February*, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy two.

Friday February 7th 1772.

Present

HIS EXCELLENCY, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r* Esquires.

Another Member of the House of Burgesses was this Day Sworn, but the Number being still insufficient, his Excellency the Governor was pleased to issue another Proclamation, of the like Form, with that of Yesterday, Proroguing the General Assembly 'til Tomorrow.

And the Burgesses Attending in the Council Chamber, as before, the last mentioned Proclamation was also there publicly read by the Clerk of the General Assembly.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

summoned to meet at the Capitol on *Thursday* the twelfth Day of *December* in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c, and in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy one; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Saturday* the eighth Day of *February*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy two.

At a General Assembly, summoned to meet at the Capitol on *Thursday* the twelfth Day of *December* in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c, and in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy one; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Saturday* the eighth Day of *February*, one thousand seven hundred and seventy two.

Saturday February the 8th 1772.

Present

HIS EXCELLENCY; *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley* Esquires

Seven other Members of the House of Burgesses were this Day sworn, but the Number being still insufficient his Excellency the Governor was pleased to issue another Proclamation, of the like Form with that of *Thursday* last proroguing the General Assembly 'til *Monday* next;

And the Burgesses attending in the Council Chamber the same was there publicly read by the Clerk of the General Assembly.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

summoned to meet at the Capitol on *Thursday* the twelfth Day of *December*, in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c, and in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy one; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Monday* the tenth day of *February* in the same Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the first Session of this present General Assembly.

At a General Assembly, summoned to meet at the Capitol on *Thursday* the twelfth Day of *December*, in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c, and in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy one; and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Monday* the tenth day of *February* in the same Year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two and then held at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, being the first Session of this present General Assembly.

Monday, February 10th 1772

Present

HIS EXCELLENCY, *William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Robert Carter, John Page* Esquires

The President informed the Governor that fifty seven of the Members, returned to serve as Burgesses in this present General-Assembly were sworn, and met in their House.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General-Assembly go and acquaint the Burgesses, that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The Burgesses accordingly attending, his Excellency was pleased to say to them, *Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses*

You must return again to your House and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

Then the Burgesses withdrew.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by M^r *Bland* M^r *Cary* and M^r *Riddick* that they had made choice of a Speaker, and desired to know his Excellency's Pleasure when they should attend to present him; to which the Governour was pleased to say, he wou'd send an Answer by a Messenger of his own.

They then withdrew

Ordered

That the Clerk go down to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them that the Governor commands them to attend him immediately in the Council Chamber.

The Burgesses attending presented *Peyton Randolph* Esquire as their Speaker, who being approved of by his Excellency made the usual Petition for Security of their Persons and Estates from Arrests and Prosecutions, for Freedom of Speech in their House, a Power over their own Members, and lastly, that none of his failings or Mistakes might be imputed to the House.

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All which Privileges the Governor was pleased to confirm and then made the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

I am happy [See J. of H. of B., 1770-1772, pp. 154-5.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Abfent The Governour

Ordered,

That the Clerk read the Governours Speech

And the fame was read accordingly.

Resolved,

That an humble Addrefs be prefented to his Excellency, to thank him for his kind Speech at the opening of this Seffion to congratulate him on his fafe Arrival to his Government—to exprefs our Expectations of Happinefs under his prudent Adminiftration—and to affure his Excellency that to give Encouragement to new Improvements and to the Cultivation of our natural Advantages, and by fuch Means to preferve the relation which ought to fubfift between the Parent Country and its Colonies, hath ever been the Object of our warmeft Wifhes—And, laftly, to affure his Excellency of our readinefs to concur with the other Branch of the Legiflature in forming fuch Laws as fhall appear to be for the benefit of our Country and the Honour of the Crown, and not incompatible with his Excellency's Duty to Affent to.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Addrefs, purfuant to the faid Refolution, and it is referred to *Thomas Nelson, William Byrd* and *Robert Carter* Efquires, to prepare the fame.

Another Member returned to ferve as a Burgefs in this prefent General Affembly, was this Day Sworn.

Thomas Nelson Efqr reported that the Gentlemen appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an humble Addrefs to the Governour, which Addrefs was read and agreed to, and is as follows.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable John Earl of Dunmore, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice-Admiral of the fame:

The humble Addrefs of the Council

“My Lord,

“We his Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Council of Virginia, now met in “General Affembly, beg leave to return your Excellency our fincere Thanks for your “kind Speech at the opening of this Seffion, and to congratulate you on your fafe Arrival “to the Government of this antient Dominion.

“The early attention your Excellency has fhewn to the Welfare of this Colony and “the earneft Inclination you have expreffed to promote it's Prosperity, give us a fure “Prefage of the Happinefs we may expect to Enjoy under your Excellency's prudent “Adminiftration.

“The great Object of our warmeft Wifhes hath ever been to enrich our Country by “giving Encouragement to new Improvements, and quickening thereby the Induftry “of the People, to make Ufe of thofe Advantages which Providence hath fo bountifully “beftowed on us, and to enable us to preferve that mutual relation which ought always “to fubfift between the Parent Country and it's Colonies.

“We have only to Affure your Excellency of our readinefs to concur with the other “Branch of the Legiflature in Forming fuch Laws as we fhall judge to be for the Intereft “and benefit of our Country and the honour of the Crown, and not incompatible with “your Excellency's Duty to Affent to.”

Ordered,

That the faid Addrefs be fairly Tranfcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on the Governour, to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

And then the Houfe, on a Motion made, adjourned 'til Tomorrow, 12 oClock.

Tuesday

(1451)

Tuesday February the 11th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley jun^r Esquires*

Thomas Nelson Esquire, reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governour, to know when and where his Excellency would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, and that he answered, he would receive the same in the Council Chamber this Day at one o'Clock.

Present The Governour

The President in behalf of the Council, presented their Address to the Governor; to which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer.

"Gentlemen,

"I am extremely obliged to You for your Address. I conceive the fairest Hopes of my Administration from the Assistance of a Council, whose Zeal for the Honour of the Crown can only be equalled by, what is altogether as agreeable to our most just Sovereign, your warm Attachment to the Interest of your Country.

Absent The Governor

The following Paragraph of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of *Beaufort* to the Gentlemen appointed to take Care of the late Lord *Botetourt's* Effects in this Country was produced by the President, and read, viz

"The very great Honour the General Assembly do Lord *Botetourt* by their wishing 'to preserve to future Ages, the Esteem they had for him, gives me infinite Satisfaction 'and Pleasure; and I must thro' you, *Gentlemen*, beg Leave to present my sincere Thanks 'for this Testimony of their remembrance of Lord *Botetourt*, and to assure them that 'I will give their Agent in *England* all the Assistance in my Power, to render their 'Wishes effectual that the Statue may be like; tho' I fear it must be in some Measure 'imperfect as there is no Portrait of Lord *Botetourt* that has been taken within the last 'five and twenty or Thirty Years; but there is a Medal in Wax that is reckoned tolerably 'like, that shall be communicated to the Person employed by the Assembly."

Upon which the House expressed great Satisfaction that what had been done for the Honour of Lord *Botetourt's* Memory was so well received by his Grace.

And then the House on a Motion made for that Purpose adjourned, 'til next *Wednesday* Fortnight.

Wednesday February 26th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Robert Carter, John Page* Esquires.
The House met and adjourned 'til *Friday* next.

Friday February the 28. 1772.

Present

ROBERT CARTER, *John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires.*
A Message from the House of Burgesses, by M^r *Eyre*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal Part of an Act passed in the thirty second Year*

"*of the reign of King Charles the second, intituled "An Act of free and general "Pardon, Indemnity and Oblivion".—*And desired the concurrence of the Council.*

Present *William Nelson* Esquire.

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* It will be noticed that the clerk of the Council in copying the Journal for this session used in most instances quotation marks to indicate the titles of acts. In copying the Journal for the following session he used for this purpose single quotation marks. The marks as used by the clerk are faithfully followed in the text. In addition, however, in order that there may be a uniformity in the use of italics throughout this set of volumes of "*Legislative Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia*," italics are used in printing the titles of acts; but where the title of an act includes that of a former act, repealed, amended, or continued, the title of this act, as heretofore in the present series of volumes, is printed in Roman letters, with the exception of such proper names as it may contain, which are printed in italics. This renders it easy to see at a glance what was the title of the former act, whether or not quotation marks or other marks of punctuation are used.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr *Dandridge*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Nathaniel West 'Dandridge is seised'*".—To which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

And then the House adjourned 'til Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday February 29th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Robert Carter, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires*
The House met and adjourned 'til Monday next 12 o'Clock

Monday March 2d 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Richard Corbin, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley jun Esquires.*

The Bill intituled "*An Act to dock the intail of certain Lands whereof 'Nathaniel West Dandridge, is seised,'*" was now read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday March the 3d 1772.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr *Treasurer*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for cutting a Navigable Canal from Archer's 'Hope Creek to Queen's Creek through the City of Williamsburg'*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Also that they had appointed a Chaplain, who was ordered to read Prayers every Morning at Nine o'Clock.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

And the same was accordingly read a second Time

Resolved,

That the Bill be committed to *Robert Carter John Page and Ralph Wormeley Junior Esquires.*

A Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* that they had passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Henrietta Marmillod, to sell and dispose of 'the Estate devised to her by her Brother Nathaniel Walthoe Esquire, deceased, notwithstanding her Coverture.'*"

Also a Bill, intituled "*An Act to revive the Act intituled 'An Act for giving a Salary 'to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses.'*"

Also, a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing the Act intituled 'An Act for 'appointing a Treasurer.'*"

Also, a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled 'An Act for encreasing the reward for killing Wolves, within certain Counties, to be 'paid by the respective Counties wherein the Services shall be performed.'*"

Also a Resolve for paying four hundred and fifty Pounds *per Annum* to *William Rind* the Public Printer—to which Bills and Resolve they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The four last mentioned Bills were read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

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The said Bills were accordingly read a second and Third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bills be agreed to.

The said Refolve was also read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said four Bills and also the said Refolve to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Riddick*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to prevent Hogs and Goats going at large in the Town of Suffolk*"—and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second Time, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, and made at the Table,—It was ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time, as amended.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that, the Council have agreed to the same, with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, March the 4th, 1772.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Nelson*, that they had passed a resolve for paying a Salary to the Keeper of the Public-Goal.

Also a resolve for paying a Salary to *Peter Pelham* Organist—to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which resolves were severally read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said resolves to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed to the same.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act to dock the intail of certain Lands, whereof Nathaniel West Dandridge is seised*" was read a second Time and the Allegation therein being proved to the satisfaction of the Council, it is ordered that, the said Bill be read a third Time immediately;—The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto.

Robert Carter Esq reported, that the Gentlemen to whom the Bill, intituled "*An Act for cutting a navigable Canal from Archers Hope Creek, to Queens Creek, through the City of Williamsburg*, was committed had according to order had the same under consideration and made some Amendments thereto; which Amendments being read and agreed to—it was, ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time, as amended.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed to the same with some Amendments and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to impower the Clerks of County Courts to issue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties.*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Riddick*, that they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to prevent Hogs and Goats going at large in the Town of Suffolk.*"

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday March 5th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Richard Corbin, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley junr Esquires*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Washington*, that they had passed a resolve for paying a Sum of Money and an Annuity to *John Robinson*, and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which resolve was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said resolve to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Treasurer*—That they had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for cutting a navigable Canal from Archers Hope Creek to Queen's Creek, through the City of Williamsburg*"

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday March the 6th 1772.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act to impower the Clerks of County Courts to issue certain Writs of Execution into other Counties*" was read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same.

Then the House adjourned til tomorrow, 12 of the Clock.

Saturday March 7th 1772.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Bland*, that they had passed the Treasurer's Accounts from the 19th *May* 1770, to the 8th of *February* 1772, to which they desire the concurrence of the Council,

Ordered,

That the said Accounts be referred to *Richard Corbin, John Page* and *Ralph Wormeley Junr Esqrs* to examine.

Then the House adjourned 'til Monday next 12 o'Clock.

Monday

(1455)

Monday March 9th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Robert Carter, John Page, Esquires.*

The House met and adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday March 10th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires.*

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing the Act 'intituled 'An Act for reducing the several Acts of Assembly for making provision 'against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act.*"

Also, a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for vesting in Trustees certain Lands, whereof William Booth, Gentleman, and Elizabeth his Wife, are seized in Fee-Tail, to be sold and for 'laying out the Money arising from the Sale in purchasing other Lands to be settled to the 'same Uses.*"

To which Bills they desire the concurrence of the Council.

The said two Bills were read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

And the same were accordingly read a second and third Time; the Allegations of the latter Bill having been proved to the satisfaction of the Council, and a Certificate produced of the due publications of Notice—

Resolved,

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bills to the House of Burgesses, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto.

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday March 11. 1772.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr *Harrison*, That they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act establishing 'Pilots and regulating their Fees.*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto

Then the House adjourned til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday

Thursday March the 12th, 1772.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Houfe met and adjourned til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday March the 13th 1772.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Houfe met and adjourned til *Monday* next 12 of the Clock.

Monday March the 16th 1772.

Present,

AS ON *Friday* laft except *Robert Burwell Esq*

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, That they had paffed a Bill intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled 'An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.'*"

Alfo, A Bill, intituled, "*An Act for continuing the Act intituled, An Act for reimbursing the Inhabitants of King William and Hanover Counties, the Expence of clearing 'Pamunkey River,' to which Bills they defire the concurrence of the Council.*"

The former of which two Bills was read the firft Time and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

The latter Bill, was alfo read the firft Time and ordered to be read a fecond and third Time immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read the fecond and Third Time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the faid Bill to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes, by Mr *Hardie*—That they had paffed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for adding part of the County of Nanfemond to the County of 'Ile of Wight'*"— To which they defire the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time and ordered to be read a fecond and third Time immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read the fecond and third Time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the faid Bill to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*—That they had paffed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for building a Bridge over the Western Branch of Nanfemond 'River, by Subscription.'*"

Alfo, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Corporation of the Borough of Norfolk, 'to affefs a Tax on the Inhabitants thereof for the Purpofes therein mentioned.'*"

Alfo, a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for altering the Court Daies of the Counties of Surry 'and Princefs Ann;'*" — To which Bills they defired the concurrence of the Council.

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The first and second of which Bills, were severally read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately—And they were read the second and third Time accordingly—And on the Question severally put thereon,

Resolved,

that the said two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bills to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

Then the last of the said three Bills was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be committed to *Ralph Wormeley Esquire*.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Alexander*—That they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to appoint Commissioners to strike a dividing Line between the Counties of Stafford, and King George;*" — and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second Time, and an amendment being proposed, agreed to and made at the Table, it is ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately with the Amendments—The said Bill was accordingly read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto, with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

Richard Corbin Esquire reported,—That the Gentlemen appointed to examine the Treasurers Accounts had according to Order examined the same, and found them truly stated.

Resolved,

That the said Accounts be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Accounts to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday March 17. 1772.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, 'An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other Purposes therein mentioned'*" was read a second Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be committed to *Richard Corbin, John Page* and *Ralph Wormeley junr Esquires*.

Ralph Wormeley Esquire, reported, that he had according to Order had under consideration the Bill, intituled "*An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Surry and Princess Ann,*" and had made some Amendments thereto; which Amendments being read and agreed to, it was ordered that the said Bill, as amended, be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council had agreed to the same, with some Amendments and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Gray*,—that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to prevent malicious Maiming and wounding*" to which they desire the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday March 18th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires.*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Bell*,—that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for continuing and amending the Act, intituled, 'An Act, for destroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned.'*"

Also, a Bill intituled, "*An Act for better regulating the election of Vestries;*" to which Bills they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The latter of which two Bills was read the first Time; and on the question put, that the said Bill be read a second Time, *it passed in the Negative*

Resolved,

*Nemini contradicenta**, that the said Bill be rejected.

Then the former of the said two Bills was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act to repeal Part of an Act passed in the thirty second Year 'of the reign of King Charles the second, intituled, 'An Act of free and general Pardon, 'indemnity and oblivion'*" was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time; and on the question put that the said Bill be read a third Time, *it passed in the Negative.*

Resolved,

Nemine [Nemine] contradicente

That the said Bill be rejected.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act to prevent malicious Maiming and wounding,*" was read a second Time, and some amendments being proposed, and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered that the said Bill, as amended, be read a third Time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time

Resolved,

that the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto with amendments,—and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to repeal one Clause of the Act of Assembly, intituled, 'An Act for 'settling the Titles and bounds of Lands and preventing unlawful Hunting and ranging—* and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which

* These two words are so spelled in the original.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time.

Richard Corbin Esq^r reported, that the Gentlemen to whom the Bill, intituled, "*an Act for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled "An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and other purposes therein mentioned"*" was committed had according to Order had the same under Consideration and had made an Amendment thereto, which Amendment being read and agreed to—It was ordered that the said Bill, as amended, be read a third Time, immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read the Third Time

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same with an Amendment and desire their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday March the 19th 1772.

Prefent

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires*
The House met and adjourned 'til Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday March 20. 1772.

Prefent

RICHARD CORBIN, *William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by *M^r Henry*,—that they had disagreed to the Amendments, proposed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, "An Act, for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."*" and desired the Council would agree to the said Bill without any Amendment

Then the House adjourned 'til Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday March 21. 1772.

Prefent

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires.*

A Message, from the House of Burgeffes, by *M^r Edmund Pendleton*, that they had passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act for establishing the Town of Fincastle "in the County of Botetourt"*" and desired the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto

The

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act to repeal one Clause of the Act of Assembly,*" intituled "*An Act for settling the Titles and Bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful Hunting and Ranging*" was committed to *Ralph Wormeley jun^r Esq^r*
Then the House adjourned 'til *Monday* next 12 o'Clock.

Monday March 23d. 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires.*

Ralph Wormeley Esq^r reported, that, he had according to Order, had under his Consideration the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to repeal one Clause of the Act of Assembly,*" intituled "*An Act, for settling the Tithes [Titles] and Bounds of Lands; and for preventing unlawful Hunting and Ranging*" and had made some Amendments thereto, which Amendments being read and the Question put that the House do agree to the said Amendments, *it passed in the Negative.*

Resolved,

That the said Amendments be rejected.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time, and on the Question put that the House doth agree to the same.

It passed in the Negative

Resolved,

That the said Bill be rejected.

The Council took under Consideration the Message received on *Friday* last from the House of Burgesses, that they disagreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Act,*" intituled, "*An Act, for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*" and desired the Council would agree to the said Bill without any Amendment.

And on the Question put that the House doth reced from the said Amendment

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

that the House doth insist on their Amendment to the said Bill.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council do insist on their Amendments thereto, and desire the Burgesses would recede from their Disagreement to the same.

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday March 24th, 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires.*

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by *M^r Richard Henry Lee*, that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Act,*" intituled, "*An Act, for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*" with an Amendment, to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The Council immediately took under Consideration the said Amendment to the Amendment, and on the Question put thereon;

Resolved,

That this House doth agree thereto.

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A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Bland*, That they had passed a Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of Frederick into three distinct Counties*; to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto;

Also, that the Council have agreed to the Amendment made by the Burgeffes to their Amendment to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act, for further continuing and amending 'the Act' intituled, 'An Act, for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers 'Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.'*"

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday March 25th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley junr Esquires*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Harrison*, that they had passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act for continuing and amending several Acts, 'and reviving one Act for laying Duties on Slaves imported.'*"

Also, A Resolve, for paying several Sums of Money to *Andrew Eftave*.

Also, a Resolve for paying a Sum of Money to *Benjamin Powell*, to which Bill and resolves they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Then the said Resolves were severally read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Resolves to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Bland*, That they had passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act, to remove the Seat of Government to a place more convenient to the 'Inhabitants of this Colony,'*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Also, that they had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding.'*"

The former of which Bills was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

And the said Bill was accordingly read a second Time and committed to *William Byrd, John Tayloe and John Page Esquires*.

Then the House adjourned 'til To-morrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday March 26. 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Junr Esquires*.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act for continuing and Amending several Acts and reviving one Act, for laying Duties on Slaves imported'*" was read a second Time and ordered to be read a third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Berkeley*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Ralph Wormeley Esquire, 'is seised.'*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time, and *Ralph Wormeley Junr Esquire*, the Heir apparent therein named appearing and consenting thereto.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered.

That the Clerk carry the two last mentioned Bills to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Riddick*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act, for keeping in repair several Roads and for other Purposes therein 'mentioned.'*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

And then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Friday March 27th 1772.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act for keeping in repair several Roads, and for 'other Purposes therein mentioned'*" was read a second Time; and an Amendment being proposed, and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered, that the Bill as amended, be read a third Time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto, with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned 'til Monday next 12 o'Clock.

Monday March 30. 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Philip L. Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, John Page*, Esquires

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Hutchings*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend, An Act, intituled, 'An Act, concerning Seamen.'*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time and an amendment being proposed and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered, that the Bill, as amended, be read a third Time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto, with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned 'til To-morrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday

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Tuesday March 31st 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Phil. Lud. Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquires.*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by M^r Henry Lee, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof John Hancocke, is feifed, and for settling other Lands and Slaves in lieu thereof,*" and desire the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publication of Notice, it was ordered that the Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

And then the House adjourned 'til Tomorrow 12 oClock.

Wednesday April the 1st 1772.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Treasurer, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof James Blackwell the younger is feifed and for other purposes therein mentioned.*" and desire the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately;

The Bill was accordingly read a second Time and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the publication of Notice, it was,

Ordered,

That the Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by M^r Aylett, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act, for clearing Mattapony River and desired the concurrence of the Council.*"

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the two Bills above mentioned to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Bland that they had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for keeping in Repair several Roads and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"

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Also, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for making further provision for the Support and Maintenance of Idiots, Lunatics, and other Persons of unsound Minds;*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr *Aylett*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act, for dissolving the Vestries of the Parishes of St Martin in the County of Hanover and Louisa, and of Saint John in the County of King William,*" and desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately;

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the two last mentioned Bills to the House of Burgesses, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

William Byrd Esq^r reported that the Gentlemen, to whom the Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to remove the Seat of Government to a place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony*" was committed, had according to Order, had the same under their Consideration, and made some Amendments thereto; Which Amendments were read once throughout, and then a second Time, one by one, and upon the Question severally put thereupon were agreed to.

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third Time,

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time, and on the Question put, that the Bill, as amended, be agreed to;—

It passed in the Negative

Resolved,

that the said Bill be rejected.

And then the House, adjourned 'til Tomorrow 12 oClock.

Thursday April the 2'd 1772.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY.

The House met and adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 oClock.

Friday, April 3'd 1772.

Present

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr *Marshall* That they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, an Act to oblige the Owners of Mills Hedges or Stops, on the rivers therein mentioned, to make openings or slopes therein for the Passage of Fish, to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.*"

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The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time Immediately

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

that the Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

And then the House Adjourned 'til Tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Saturday April 4. 1772

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Phil. Lud. Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell Esquires

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr William Cabell, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, *An Act, to except certain Counties, out of an Act for continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*—To which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.— The said Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately;— The Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and on the Question put that the same be read a third Time, *It passed in the Negative* — *Resolved* that the Bill be rejected.— A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr Bland, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, *"An Act to enlarge the Power of the Trustees, appointed to carry into Execution an Act passed this present Session of Assembly, intituled, An Act for cutting a Navigable Canol from Archers Hope Creek, to Queen's Creek through or near the City of Williamsburg."*

Also, a Bill, intituled, *"An Act to permit certain Persons therein mentioned to erect Gates across the Public roads leading thro' their Lands."*

Also, A Bill, intituled, *"An Act, to continue, "An Act, intituled, "An Act, to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act, for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act."*

Also, a Bill, intituled, *"An Act, for further continuing and amending the Acts for better regulating and disciplining the Militia."*

Also, A Bill intituled, *"An Act appointing Trustees for the Town of Cobham, and for other purposes therein mentioned."*

Also, a Bill, intituled, *"An Act, to compel Ships importing Convict Servants or Slaves, infected with the Goal-Fever, or Small-Pox, to perform Quarantine."*

Also, A Bill, intituled, *"An Act, to amend, An Act, intituled, an Act, to amend, An Act, intituled, An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on sundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make openings or Slopes therein for the Passage of Fish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,"*

Also, A Bill, intituled, *"An Act for appointing Commissioners to ascertain the value of certain Churches and Chappels, in the Parishes of Frederick, Norborne and Bedford, and for other Purposes therein mentiond."*

Also, a Bill, intituled, *An Act, for appointing Commisfioners for selling the Tobacco damaged in the Public Warehouse for inspection of Tobacco at Morton's and for other Purposes therein mentioned."*

Also, A Bill, intituled, *"An Act, to appoint Commissioners to view a Place proposed for a road, thro' the South-Mountain."*

Also, a Bill, intituled, *An Act, to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof William Todd, Gentleman, is seised, and for other Purposes"*

To which several Bills they desired the concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by, Mr Cary, that they had passed a resolve for paying an Annuity to *John Burton*; to which they desired the concurrence of the Council"

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to enlarge the Power of Trustees, appointed to carry into Execution, An Act passed this present Session of Assembly, intituled, An Act for cutting 'a navigable Canal from Archer's Hope Creek to Queens Creek, through, or near the 'City of Williamsburg,*" was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time, on Wednesday next.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to permit certain Persons therein mentioned, to erect Gates across the Public Roads leading thro' their Lands,* was read the first Time, and on the question put that the Bill be read a second Time,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the Bill be rejected.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to continue An Act, intituled, 'An Act, to continue 'and amend an Act, intituled, An Act, for reducing the several Acts, made for laying a 'Duty upon Liquors into one Act.*"

Also, the Bill, intituled, "*An Act, appointing Trustees for the Town of Cobham and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"

Also the Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to compel Ships importing Convict Servants, or Slaves, infected with the Goal-Fever or Small-Pox, to perform Quarantine.*"

Also, the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for appointing Commissioners for selling the 'Tobacco damaged in the public Warehouse for Inspection of Tobacco at Mortons, and for 'other Purposes therein mentioned.*"

Also, the Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to appoint Commissioners to view a Place for a 'Road, thro' the South Mountain.*"

Also, the Bill intituled, "*An Act, to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof William Todd, Gent is seized, and for other purposes;* were severally read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

And the said Bills were severally read a second and third Time accordingly, and on the question severally put thereupon:

Resolved,

That the said Bills be agreed to.

The Resolve, for paying an Annuity to *John Burton*, was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Resolve, and also the six last mentioned Bills to the House of Burgesses, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Acts for better regulating and disciplining the Militia,* was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr Gray, That they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to enable the Nottoway Indians to lease certain Lands, and for other 'Purposes therein mentioned,*" to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr Bland, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for opening the Falls of James River, by Subscription, and for other 'Purposes,*" to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to amend, An Act intituled, 'An Act, to amend, An 'Act, intituled, An Act, to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops, on sundry 'rivers therein mentioned, to make openings; or Slopes therein, for the Passage of Fish,* "and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and committed to *Robert Carter* and *Robert Burwell*, Esquires.

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The Bill, intituled, "*An Act, for appointing Commissioners to ascertain the value of certain Churches and Chapels, in the Parishes of Frederick, Norborne and Beckford, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time.

And then the House adjourned, 'til Monday next 12 o'Clock.

Monday April the 6th 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, Phil. Lud Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page Esquires.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Nottoway Indians to lease certain Lands, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time; and some Amendments being proposed and agreed to, and made at the Table; it was ordered, that the said Bill, with the Amendments, be read a third Time immediately.

The Bill, with the Amendments, were accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

that the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act for appointing Commissioners to ascertain the value of certain Churches and Chapels, in the Parishes of Frederick, Norborne and Beckford, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" was read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said two Bills, to the House of Burgeesses, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the latter without any Amendment, and to the former with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for opening the Falls of James River, by subscription, and for other Purposes*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time and committed to Philip Ludwell Lee, Robert Carter, and John Page Esquires.

A Message from the House of Burgeesses, by Mr Cary, that they had passed the Book of Claims to which they desire the concurrence of the Council.

And then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday April the 7th 1772.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Acts for better regulating and disciplining the Militia;*" was read a second Time and some Amendments being proposed, and agreed to and made at the Table; it was ordered that the Bill, with the Amendments, be read a third Time.

The Bill, with the Amendments, was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to

Philip Ludwell Lee, Esquire, reported that the Gentlemen to whom the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for opening the Falls of James River, by Subscription, and for other Purposes,*" was committed, had, according to Order, had the same under consideration and made some Amendments thereto.

Which

Which Amendments were read once throughout, and then a second Time, one by one, and upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be read a third Time.

The said Bill with the Amendments, was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Robert Carter, Esquire, reported, that the Gentlemen, to whom the Bill, intituled, *“An Act, to amend an Act intituled, An Act, to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops on fundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make openings, or Slopes therein for the Passage of Fish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,”* was committed, had, according to Order, had the same under Consideration, and made some Amendments thereto.

Which Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and upon the Question severally put thereupon were agreed to.

Resolved,

That the Bill, with the Amendments be read a third Time.

The said Bill, with the Amendments, was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr Mann Page, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, *“An Act to impower the Vestry of the Parish of Saint George, in Spotsylvania, to sell Part of the Church-Yard; to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.”*

The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr Bland, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, *An Act, for appointing several Ferries; and discontinuing others, and for other Purposes.”*

Also, A Bill, intituled *“An Act, for clearing a road from the warm Springs in Augusta, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”*

Also, a Resolve, for paying several Sums of Money to the Committee, for examining the Treasurers Accounts, and burning the Treasury Notes; to all which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The first of the two last mentioned Bills, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill, was accordingly read a second Time; and an Amendment being proposed, and agreed to and made at the Table; it was ordered that the Bill, with the Amendment, be read a third Time.

The said Bill with the Amendment, was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to

Then the latter of the said two Bills was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time, immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr Henry Lee, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, *“An Act, for dividing the Parishes of Southam in the County of Cumberland and Dale in the County of Chesterfield.”*

Also

Also, A Bill, intituled, "*An Act, for the Ease and relief of the People by paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for the present Seffion of Affembly.*"

Also, A Refolve for paying feveral Sums of Money to *Philip Hand*; to all which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The two laft mentioned Bills were feverally read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond and third Time immediately.

The faid Bills were accordingly read feverally a fecond and third Time, and on the Queftion feverally put thereupon;

Resolved,

That the faid Bills be agreed to.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes, by M^r *Harrifon*, that they had paffed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for erecting a Lighthouse on Cape Henry;*" to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time and ordered to be read a fecond Time To-morrow.

The Refolve for paying feveral Sums of Money to the Committee for examining the Treafurer's Accounts and burning the Treafury Notes; and the refolve for paying feveral fums of Money to *Philip Hand*, were feverally read and agreed to.

Resolved,

That the Book of Claims be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry to the Houfe of Burgeffes the firft eight of the above mentioned nine Bills and inform them that the Council have agreed to the fourth fixth, feventh and eighth without any Amendment; and to the firft fecond, third and fifth with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence.

Also, that he carry the faid two refolves and the Book of Claims, to the Houfe of Burgeffes, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto

And then the Houfe adjourned 'till tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday April the 8th 1772.

Present,

A S YESTERDAY:

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by M^r *Bland* that they had agreed to the former Part of the firft Amendment, propofed by the Council to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Acts, for better regulating and difciplining the Militia,* with an Amendment, to which Amendment they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Also, that they had difagreed to the latter part of the faid firft Amendment, from the Word "Court" in the eleventh line and ending with the word "Void." and alfo to the next amendment made by the Council to the faid Bill, and had agreed to the reft of the faid Amendments; and desired the Council would recede from the faid Amendments difagreed to by them.

Also, that they difagreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for appointing feveral Ferries, and difcontinuing others, and for other purpofes,* and desired the Council would agree to the Bill without the faid Amendment.

The Council immediately proceeded to take into Confideration the faid Amendment propofed by the Houfe of Burgeffes to the former Part of the Councils faid firft Amendment, to the Bill firft above mentioned; and on the Queftion put thereupon.

Resolved,

That the Council do agree thereto

The Queftion being then put on the fecond Part of the Councils firft Amendment to the faid Bill, difagreed to by the Houfe of Burgeffes.

Resolved,

That the Council do infift on that Part of their faid Amendment

And

And then the Question being put on the second Amendment propofed by the Council to the faid firft mentioned Bill, difagreed to by the Houfe of Burgeffes.

Resolved,

that the Council do recede therefrom.

And on the Question put upon the Councils amendment to the fecond of the faid Bills.

Resolved,

That the Council do adhere to their faid Amendment.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the faid two Bills to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them with the Refolutions of the Council thereupon refpectively, and defire they will recede from their Difagreement to the Amendments infifted on, and adhered to, by the Council refpectively.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes, by Mr *Treasurer*, that they had paffed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to amend the feveral Acts of Affembly refpecting the currency of Copper Money in this Colony*, to which they defired the concurrence of the Council."

The faid Bill was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond and third time immediately.

The Bill was accordingly read a fecond and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes, by Mr *Nelson*, that they had paffed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to veft certain intailed Lands whereof Philip Ludwell Grymes, Gentleman, is feised, in William Roane, Gent. in Fee-Simple.*"

Alfo, a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for dividing the County of Botetourt into two diftinct Counties;*" to which Bills they defired the concurrence of the Council.

The faid two Bills were feverally read the firft Time and ordered to be read a fecond Time immediately.

The faid Bills were feverally read a fecond Time accordingly and the Allegations of the former of them being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice it was ordered, that the fame, and alfo the faid latter Bill, be read a third Time immediately.

The faid Bills were accordingly read feverally a third Time.

Resolved,

That the faid two Bills be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Lighthouse on Cape Henry* was read a fecond Time, and ordered to be read a third Time immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Trustees appointed to carry into Execution an Act paffed this prefent feffion of Affembly, intituled, "An Act for cutting "a navigable Canal from Archer's Hope Creek to Queen's Creek, through or near the "City of Williamsburg;"* was read a fecond Time, and an Amendment being propofed, and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered that the faid Bill, with the Amendment, be read a third Time.

The Bill, with the Amendment, was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the five laft mentioned Bills to the Houfe of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the firft four of them without any Amendment, and to the other with an Amendment, and defire their Concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Bland*, that they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act, for opening the Falls of James River by Subscription, and for other purposes.*"

Also, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to continue and amend the Act, intituled, An Act to continue and amend the Act intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majestys Customs;*" to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The Bill was accordingly read a second Time and committed to *Phil. Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe* and *Robert Carter Esq^r*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Thomson Mason*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act, for extending the Navigation of the River Potowmack, from fort Cumberland to Tide Water;*" to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The said Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The Bill was accordingly read a second Time; and committed to *Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, and John Page Esquires.*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Nelson*, that they had agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled "*An Act, to enable the Nottoway Indians to lease certain Lands, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"

Also, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act, for regulating the Allowances to the Keeper of the public Prison, for the Maintenance of poor Prisoners, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*" to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Bland*, That they adhered to their Disagreement to the latter Part of the first Amendment proposed by the Council and insisted on, to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act, for further continuing and amending the Acts for better regulating and disciplining the Militia;*" and desired the Council would recede from that Part of their said Amendment.

Also, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to allow the Minister of the Parish of Antrim in the County of Halifax the same Salary as other Ministers are intitled to receive.*"

Also, A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to encourage the farther Settlement of the Town of Alexandria in the County of Fairfax;*" to which Bills they desired the concurrence of the Council.

And then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow 12 o'Clock.

Thursday April the 9th 1772.

Present

AS YESTERDAY, Also *Ralph Wormeley Jun^r Esquire.*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *John Page*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act, to amend An Act intituled an Act directing the Duty of Surveyors of Land; to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.*"

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Marshall*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to establish a Town on the Land of John Ric^rtor, in the County of Fauquier, and for other Purposes;* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Carrington*, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to vest certain Lands whereof Colwell Pettypool and Mary his Wife are seized in Fee-Tail, in Joseph Mayo, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to be purchased in lieu thereof;* to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The said three Bills were severally read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

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The two first of the said Bills were accordingly read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time immediately.

The said two first Bills were accordingly read severally a third Time; and on the Question severally put thereupon;

Resolved,

That the said two first Bills be agreed to.

Then the said third Bill was read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produ[c]ed of the publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by M^r Carrington, that they had passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for establishing several new Ferries, and for other Purposes,*" to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the four Bills above mentioned to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act for regulating the Allowances to the Keeper of the Public Prison for the Maintenance of Poor Prisoners, and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act to allow the Minister of the Parish of Antrim, in the County of Halifax, the same Salary as other Ministers are intitled to receive,*" was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

Philip Ludwell Lee, Esquire, reported that the Gentlemen to whom, the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for opening and extending the Navigation of the River Potowmack from Fort Cumberland to Tide Water,*" was committed, had according to Order had the same under Consideration, and made an Amendment thereto

Which Amendment being read and agreed to it was ordered that the Bill, with the Amendment be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill with the Amendment, accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act to encourage the farther Settlement of the Town of Alexandria, in the County of Fairfax,*" was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and an Amendment being proposed, and agreed to and made at the Table, It was ordered that the Bill with the Amendment, be read a Third Time, immediately.

The said Bill with the Amendment, was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

that the Bill, as amended, be agreed to

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr Cary, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to amend, An Act, intituled An Act for the better preservation of the breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful Hunting,*" to which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The Bill was accordingly read a second Time; and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered that the Bill be read a third Time, with the Amendment immediately.

The said Bill, was accordingly read a third Time with the Amendment.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the five last mentioned Bills to the House of Burgesses, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the two first of them, without any Amendment, and to the three last with Amendments, and desire their Concurrence.

The Council proceeded to take under Consideration, the Message received Yesterday from the House of Burgesses, that they adhered to their Disagreement to the latter part of the Councils first Amendment to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for further continuing and amending the Acts for better regulating and disciplining the Militia.*"

And on the Question put, that the Council do recede from that Part of their said Amendment it passed in the Negative.

Resolved,

that the Council do adhere to that Part of their said Amendment.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr Bland, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to revive and continue the Acts for the more effectually keeping the public Roads and Bridges in repair*"

Also, a Bill, intituled "*An Act for altering the Method of suing out Writs of Alias Capias and other Procefs in the County Courts, for regulating certain expenses on Attachments and Writs of Execution, and for altering the Court Daies of certain Counties.*"

Also, a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for amending the Acts concerning the Trials and outlawrys of Slaves.*" to all which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Also, that they disagreed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act, to amend, An Act, intituled, An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills Hedges, or Stone Stops, on fundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make openings, or Slopes therein for the passage of Fish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and desired the Council would pass the Bill without the Amendments.

The first and second of which four last mentioned Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said two Bills were accordingly read a second and third Time, and the Question severally put thereupon;

Resolved,

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bills to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

Then the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for amending the Acts concerning the Trials and Outlawry's of Slaves,*" was read the first Time; and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and committed to Phil. Lud. Lee, Robert Carter and Ralph Wormeley, junr Esquires.

Robert Carter Esqr reported that the Gentlemen to whom the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to continue and amend the Act, intituled, An Act, to continue and amend the Act, intituled, An Act, for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs,*" was committed, had made an Amendment thereto.

Which

Which Amendment being read, and agreed to, it was ordered, that the Bill be read a third Time immediately, with the Amendment.

The Bill was accordingly read a third Time, with the Amendment.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto, with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

The Council proceeded to take under consideration the Amendment proposed by them, to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act, intituled, an Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'an Act, to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stone Stops on sundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make openings or Slopes therein for the Passage of Fish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*" which were disagreed to by the House of Burgeffes; and on the Question put severally on each, receded from the first and the last; but insisted on the second, third, fourth, fifth and Sixth of the said Amendments.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them therewith.

Then the House adjourned 'til Tomorrow Afternoon 2 o'Clock.

Friday April the 10th, 1772.

Present

WILLIAM NELSON, *Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Lud— Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley jun^r Esquires.*

Philip Ludwell Lee, esquire, reported, that the Gentlemen to whom the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for amending the Acts concerning the Trials and outlawry's of 'Slaves'*" was committed, had, according to order, had the same under Consideration and had made some Amendments thereto;

Which Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second time, one by one; and upon the question severally put thereupon were agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Bill be read a third Time, with the Amendments.

The said Bill, with the Amendments, were accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto with some Amendments and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Bland*, that they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to continue and amend the Act, intituled, an Act to continue and amend, the Act, intituled, an Act, for 'amending the staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.'*"

Also, that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for appointing Trustees to regulate the making of Slopes for the Passage of Fish, in the Mill Dams, within the County 'of Bedford.'*"

Also, A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Act intituled, An Act for prescribing 'the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the Time of their continuance in 'Office, and directing their Duty therein, and for other Purposes; to which two last mentioned Bills they desired the concurrence of the Council.*"

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The former of the said two Bills, was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

Then the latter of the said two Bills was read a first Time and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to and made at the Table, it was ordered that the Bill be read a third Time immediately with the amendment.

The Bill, with the Amendment, was accordingly read, a third Time

Resolved,

That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the two last mentioned Bills to the House of Burgesses and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the former of them without any Amendment, and to the latter with an Amendment and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr Cary that they had passed a Bill, intituled, "*an Act for laying a public Levy.*"

Also, A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend so much of an Act of Assembly intituled, 'An Act for the Inspection of Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, as relates 'to the Inspection of Flour.'*"

Also, a Resolve for paying several Sums of Money, to *George Booth* and *Richard Allen*; to all which they desired the concurrence of the Council.

Also, that they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the better preservation of the 'breed of Deer, and preventing unlawful Hunting.'*"

The two first of the Bills last brought up were severally read the first Time and ordered to be read a second and third time immediately—

The said two Bills were accordingly read, severally a second and third Time; and on the Question, severally put thereupon;

Resolved,

That the said two Bills be agreed to.

The Resolve for paying several Sums of Money to *George Booth* and *Richard Allen* was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said two Bills and the said Resolve to the House of Burgesses, and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr Bland, that they receded from their Disagreement to the amendments to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act intituled, An Act to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges 'or Stone Stops on fundry Rivers therein mentioned, to make openings, or Slopes therein 'for the Passage of Fish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;'*" insisted on by the Council.

Then the House adjourned 'til tomorrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday April 11th 1772.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY.

A Message from the House of Burgesses, by Mr Bland, that they have agreed to the three first Amendments, proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for amending the Acts concerning the Trials and Outlawrys 'of Slaves;'*" and disagreed to the last.

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The Council proceeded to take under Consideration the said Amendment disagreed to; and on the Question put thereupon.

Resolved,

That the Council do recede therefrom.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have receded from the said Amendment, disagreed to by them.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Carrington*, that they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act, "intituled, An Act prescribing the Method of appointing Sheriffs, and for limiting the "Time of their continuance in Office, and directing their Duty therein, and for other "Purposes."*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes, by Mr *Digges*, that he was ordered by the House to bring up the inrolled Bills and Resolves for the Inspection of the Council.

Ordered

that the Clerk carry the said Bills and Resolves to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have examined them and are satisfied they are truly inrolled.

Present His Excellency.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that his Excellency commands them to attend him immediately in the Council Chamber, and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Excellency's Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending; the Governour was pleased to give his Assent to the following public and private Bills; viz. [For the 68 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 315-317.]

His Excellency was also pleased to give his Assent to the following resolves, viz [For the 10 enumerated Resolves, see J. of H. of B., p. 317.]

And then his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes;

The public Business being concluded, [See J. of H. of B., p. 317.]

John Blair, C. G. A.

AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

summoned to meet at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Thursday* the 12th Day of *December* in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c. and in the Year of our Lord 1771, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 4th Day of *March* 1773, being the 13th Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and then held at the Capitol aforesaid; being the second Session of this present General Assembly.

At a General Assembly, summoned to meet at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg* on *Thursday* the 12th Day of *December* in the twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith &c. and in the Year of our Lord 1771, and from thence continued by several Prorogations to *Thursday* the 4th Day of *March* 1773, being the 13th Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and then held at the Capitol aforefaid; being the second Session of this present General Assembly.

[*Thursday, March 4th, 1773.*]

Present,

HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Hon^{ble} *John* Earl of *Dunmore*, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, and Vice Admiral of the same, *Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, John Page, Ralph Wormeley*, jun^r Esq^r & *John Camm*, Clerk.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the General Assembly go and acquaint the House of Burgeffes, that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

It was far from my Intention [See J. of H. of B., 1773-1776, pp. 7-8.]

Then the Burgeffes withdrew.

Absent The Governor.

Ordered,

that the Clerk read the Governor's Speech, and the same was accordingly read.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, to return him the Thanks of this House for his Speech; to acknowledge the Necessity of their being convened at this Period; to express their Sense of his Lordships ready Disposition to concur in every useful Measure, and their Acknowledgements for his Vigilance in detecting, and procuring to be apprehended, the ingenious Forgers of the Paper Money of this Colony; and to assure his Excellency, that they will be ever ready to concur in the Advancement of the Interests of this and the Mother Country, which are inseparable.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is referred to *Philip Ludwell Lee* and *Ralph Wormeley* jun^r Esquires, and *John Camm*, Clerk, to prepare the same.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow, 12 o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, March 5th, 1773.

Present

THOMAS NELSON, *Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Phillip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley jun^r Esq^{rs}, and John Camm,* Clerk

Philip L. Lee Esq^r reported, that the Gentlemen appointed, had according to Order, prepared an humble Address to the Governor, which Address was read and agreed to, and is as follows.

To his Excellency the Right Hon^{ble} John Earl of Dunmore, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the fame.

The humble Address of the Council.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of *Virginia* now met in General Assembly, offer our grateful Thanks to your Lordship for your Speech at the opening of this Session.

The alarming and ruinous Progress of Forgery evinces the Necessity of convening us at this Period. On so important an Occasion, as one wherein the Credit of the Colony is so much concerned, we judge with your Lordship, that the Voice of the People by their Representatives and every Branch of the Legislature, can only apply a Cure to this political Malady.

From the Experience we had of your Administration at our Last meeting we found in You a ready Disposition to concur in every Measure, and assent to every Law, recommended to your Consideration. In our Recess, we have seen Your Vigilance employed in the Execution of the Laws, by pursuing every Step for the Detection of the ingenious and therefore more dangerous, Artifices of the Forgers of our Paper Money. Your Lordship's Activity in this Instance commands our warmest Acknowledgments, as Members of a Community whose Fortunes might have been deeply affected by the Circulation of a base Medium, vile in its Nature as destruction [destructive] in its Consequences.

In the Maintenance, Protection, and Advancement of this Colony, your Lordship may ever rely on our zealous Co-operation; and we beg Leave to assure You, when we consult it's Prosperity, we do not lose Sight of that of the Mother Country, esteeming with your Lordship, their Interest to be inseparable.

Ordered,

that the said Address be fairly transcribed, and that the Gentlemen who drew it wait on his Excellency, to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

Then the House adjourned till To-morrow, 12 o'Clock.

Saturday, March 6th, 1773.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY.

Philip Ludwell Lee Esq^r reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governor; to know when and where his Excellency would be pleased to receive the Address of this House; and that his Lordship answered he would receive it in the Council Chamber this Day at one o'Clock.

Present The Governor.

The President, in Behalf of the Council, presented their Address to the Governor to which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

After offering You my most sincere Acknowledgment for this fresh Mark of your Goodness, permit me to assure You that Nothing can give me greater Pleasure than the
Thoughts

Thoughts of having acted in such a Manner as to merit your Approbation, which cannot fail of being extremely flattering to me.

Ordered,

that the Clerk of the General Affembly go to the Houfe of Burgeffes and deliver the following Meffage.

M^r Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to inform this Houfe, that his Excellency hath received Information upon Oath, that *Pafchal Greenhill*, a Member of this Houfe, hath been concerned in circulating feveral Treafury Notes of this Colony, knowing the fame to be forged.

Abfent The Governor.

Then the Houfe adjourned till *Monday* next, 12 o'Clock.

Monday March 8th 1773.

Present

AS ON *Saturday* laft, except *Richard Corbin* Efqr
A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by M^r *Richard Lee*, that their Chaplain was ordered to read Prayers every Morning at 10 o'Clock.
Then the Houfe adjourned till Tomorrow, 12 o'Clock.

Tuesday March 9th, 1773.

Present

PHILIP L. LEE, *John Tayloe*, *Robert Burwell*, *John Page*, *Ralph Wormeley jun^r* Efqr^s and *John Camm* Clerk.
The Houfe met, and for Want of Bufinefs adjourned till Tomorrow 12 o'Clock

Wednesday March 10th, 1773.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY; alfo *Thomas Nelson* Efqr
The Houfe met and adjourned till Tomorrow, 12 o'Clock.

Thursday March 11th, 1773.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY; except *Thomas Nelson* Efqr
A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by M^r *Adams*, that they had paffed a Bill, intituled '*An Act to eftablifh and enlarge the Power of the Trustees of the Town of Richmond, in the County of Henrico, and for other Purpofes*'—to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time immediately.

The faid Bill was Accordingly read a fecond Time and committed to *John Tayloe*, *Robert Burwell*, and *John Page* Efquires. A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by M^r *Cary* That they had paffed a Bill, intituled '*An Act to dock the Intail of Part of a Tract of Land whereof John Tazewell is feifed, and for Settling Slaves of greater Value to the fame Ufes*.'

Alfo a Refolve for paying feveral Sums of Money to *Nathaniel Hunt* and others; Alfo a Refolve for paying a Sum of Money to *Robert Donald*, Alfo a Refolve for paying

a certain Sum of Money to *John Lightfoot*. Also a Refolve for paying several Sums of Money to *Robert Bolling junr Esqr* Also a Refolve for paying several Sums of Money to certain Commiffioners—To which Bill and Refolves they desired the Concurrence of the Council. Then the said Bill laft mentioned was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Four of the said five Refolves were also read, and agreed to, viz, the first, second, third and fifth.

Ordered,

that the Clerk carry the said four Refolves to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Gray*, That they had passed a Bill, intituled '*An Act for building a Bridge over Nottoway River from the Land of Samuel Brown, by Subscription*;' to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and Third time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Peyton*, That they had passed a Bill intituled, '*An Act for altering the Court Day of the County of Loudoun*;' to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Mitchell*, That they had, passed a Bill, intituled '*An Act for appointing two new Ferries, and discontinuing a former Ferry*;' to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

that the Clerk carry the three laft mentioned Bills to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow, 12 o'Clock.

Friday, March 12th, 1773.

Present,

THOMAS NELSON, *Philip L. Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley junr Esquires, John Camm, Clerk.*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Cary*, That they had passed a Bill, intituled '*An Act, for establishing a Ware-house for the Inspection of Tobacco in the Town of Manchester*.'

Also a Refolve for paying certain Expenses incurred in and about apprehending and securing certain Criminals; to which Bill and Refolve they desired the Concurrence of the Council. Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

The

The said Resolve was also read and agreed to.

The Resolve for paying several Sums of Money to *Robert Bolling junr Esq* was also read and agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by *Mr Richard Henry Lee*, That they had passed a Resolve for paying four hundred and fifty Pounds *per Annum* to *William Rind* the Public Printer; to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The said Resolve was read and agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by *Mr Bland*, That they had passed a Bill, intituled '*An Act for the better securing the Public Credit of the Colony*'. Also a Resolve for paying a Salary to the Organist.

Also a Resolve for paying a Salary to the Keeper of the Public Goal, to which Bill and Resolves they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be agreed to.

The said two Resolves were also read and agreed to.

The Bill, intituled '*An Act to dock the Intail of Part of a Tract of Land whereof John Tazewell is seised, and for settling Slaves of greater Value to the same Uses*' was read a second Time, and the Allegations thereof being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, the same was ordered to be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Ordered

that the Clerk carry the several Bills and Resolves this Day agreed to as above mentioned, to the House of Burgeffes, and inform them that the Council have agreed thereto.

John Tayloe Esq reported, That the Gentlemen to whom the Bill, Intituled '*An Act to establish and enlarge the Power of the Trustees of the Town of Richmond in the County of Henrico and for other Purposes*' was committed, had made an Amendment thereto;

Which Amendment being read and agreed to; it was ordered that the Bill be read a third Time immediately, with the Amendment.

The Bill was accordingly read a third Time, with the Amendment.

Resolved,

That the Bill, as Amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto, with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by *Mr Edmund Pendleton*, That they had passed a Bill intituled '*An Act to vest certain intailed Lands whereof Bowles Armistead Gentleman, is seised in Trustees, to be sold for Payment of the Debts due from the Estate of his late Father William Armistead Esquire*'.

Also a Bill intituled '*An Act for appointing Trustees for the Gingaskin Indians*'— to both which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The former of which Bills was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council, and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was read accordingly a third Time.

Resolved,

that the said Bill be agreed to.

Then

Then the latter of the two laft mentioned Bills was read the firft Time, and Ordered to be read a fecond and third Time immediately.

The faid Bill was read accordingly a fecond and third Time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the two laft mentioned Bill[s] to the Houfe of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Adams*, that they had agreed to the Amendment propofed by the Council to the Bill, intituled '*An Act to eftablifh and enlarge the Power of the Truftees of the Town of Richmond in the County of Henrico, and for other Purpofes.*'

Then the Houfe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday March 13th, 1773.

Present,

AS YESTERDAY, except *John Tayloe*, and *Ralph Wormeley junior* Esquires—
A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Cary*, That they had paffed a Bill, intituled '*An Act for altering the Bounds between the Parifhes of Dale and Manchester in Chefterfield County*'—to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time and ordered to be read a fecond and third Time immediately,

The faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond and third Time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Alexander*, That they had paffed a Bill, intituled '*An Act for appointing Commiffioners for felling the Tobacco damaged in the public Ware-houfe for the Infpection of Tobacco at Aquia, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*'; to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond and third Time immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond & third Time.

Resolved,

That the faid Bill be agreed to.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Nelson*, That they had paffed a Bill intituled '*An Act for making an Addition to the Houfe appropriated to the Ufe of the Public Goaler*;' to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time immediately.

The faid Bill was accordingly read a fecond Time; and an Amendment being propofed and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered that the faid Bill be read a third Time immediately, with the Amendment.

The faid Bill, with the Amendment, was accordingly read a third Time.

Resolved

That the faid Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

A Meffage from the Houfe of Burgeffes by Mr *Harrifon*, That they had paffed a Bill, intituled '*An Act to amend the Act, intituled An Act for erecting a Lighthouse on Cape Henry*;' to which they defired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the firft Time and ordered to be read a fecond Time immediately.

The

The said Bill was accordingly read a second Time; and an Amendment being proposed, and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered that the Bill as amended, be read a third Time immediately.

The said Bill was read a third Time accordingly

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended be agreed to.

Ordered,

that the Clerk carry the four last mentioned Bills to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them, that the Council have agreed to the two first of them, without any Amendment, and to the two last, with an Amendment to each, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Edmund Pendleton* That they had passed a Bill, intituled '*An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Lewis Burwell, Esqr is seised, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses*'; to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was read accordingly a second Time, and the Allegations being proved to the Satisfaction of the Council and Certificates produced of the Publications of Notice, and an Amendment being proposed and agreed to, and made at the Table, it was ordered, that the said Bill be read a third Time immediately, as Amended.

The said Bill was read accordingly a third Time

Resolved

That the said Bill as amended be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, That they had passed a Bill, intituled '*An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies*'; to which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

Which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second and third Time.

Resolved,

That the said Bill be agreed to.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Cary*, That they had passed a Bill intituled '*An Act for the Ease and Relief of the People by paying the Burgeffes in Money for this present Affembly*.'

Also a Bill, intituled '*An Act for further continuing the Act, intituled An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia*'; to both which they desired the Concurrence of the Council.

The former of the said Bills was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second and third Time immediately.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second & third Time.

Resolved

That the said Bill be agreed to.

Then the latter of the said Bills was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time immediately.

The said Bill was read accordingly a second Time, and committed to *John Page* and *Robert Burwell*, Esquires.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry to the House of Burgeffes the three first of the four last mentioned Bills, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the two last of them without any Amendment, and to the first with an Amendment, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Nelson*, That they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled '*An Act to amend the Act intituled An Act for erecting a Light-house on Cape Henry*.'

Also

Also that they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled *An Act for making an Addition to the House appropriated to the Use of the Public Goaler.*

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, That they had agreed to the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled '*An Act to dock the intail of certain Lands whereof Lewis Burwell Esq^r is seised, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses*'—

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Cary*, That they had passed a Resolve for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the General Assembly. Which Resolve was read & agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Resolve to the House of Burgeffes, and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto.

Then the House adjourned till next *Monday Morning* 11 o'Clock.

Monday March 15th, 1773.

Present,

THOMAS NELSON, Robert Burwell, John Page, Ralph Wormeley jun^r Esquires,
John Camm, Clerk.

John Page Esq^r reported, That the Gentlemen to whom the Bill, intituled '*An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia*' was committed, had made some Amendments thereto; which Amendments being read and agreed to, it was ordered, that the said Bill, as amended, be read a third Time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third Time

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have agreed thereto, with some Amendments and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, That they have agreed to the first and second Amendment proposed by this House to the Bill, intituled '*An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia,*' that they have disagreed to the four next of the said Amendments, and had agreed to the last of them, with an Amendment, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House, & that the Council would recede from the Amendments disagreed to.

The Council proceeded to take under Consideration the said Message; and on the Question put that this House do recede from their Amendments, disagreed to, as afore-said *it passed in the Negative.*

Resolved,

That the Council do insist on the said Amendments.

Then the Question being put, that the Council do agree to the Amendment proposed by the House of Burgeffes to the last of the amendments proposed by this House, *it passed in the Negative.*

Resolved,

That the Council do disagree to the Amendment proposed to the said Amendment.

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bill to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council do insist on such of the Amendments by them proposed thereto, as have been disagreed to by that House, and desire that they would recede from their disagreement thereto; also that the Council have disagreed to the Amendment proposed by the House of Burgeffes to the Councils last Amendment to the said Bill, and that they desire that House would agree to the said last Amendment, without any Amendment.

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A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Bland*, That they adhere to their Disagreement to the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth, of the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled '*An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia*'; and also to the Amendment by them proposed to the last of the said Amendments; and desire the Council would recede from the Amendments disagreed to, and from their Disagreement to the amendment proposed by the Burgeffes to the last Amendment.

The Council proceeded to take the said Message under Consideration; and on the Question put that they recede from the Amendments disagreed to by the House of Burgeffes, *it passed in the Negative*.

Also on the Question put, that the Council do recede from their Disagreement to the Amendment proposed by the Burgeffes to their last Amendment *it passed in the Negative*.

Resolved

That the Council do adhere to their Amendments disagreed to by the House of Burgeffes, and Also to their Disagreement to the Amendment proposed by that House to the said last Amendment.

A Message from the House of Burgeffes by Mr *Digges*, That he was ordered by the House to bring up the inrolled Bills and Resolves for the Inspection of the Council

Ordered,

That the Clerk carry the said Bills and Resolves to the House of Burgeffes and acquaint them that the Council have examined the same, and are satisfied they are truly inrolled.

Present, His Excellency.

Ordered,

That the Clerk acquaint the House of Burgeffes that the Governor commands their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber; and that they bring with them such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Excellency's Assent.

The Burgeffes accordingly attending, the Governor was pleased to give his Assent to the following public and private Bills. viz. [For the 16 enumerated Acts, see J. of H. of B., pp. 35-36.]

His Excellency was also pleased to give his Assent to the following Resolves viz. [For the 10 enumerated Resolves, see J. of H. of B., p. 36.]

And then his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes;

As you have now gone through [See J. of H. of B., p. 36.]

John Blair, C. G. A.

APPENDIX

INTRODUCTORY NOTE TO THE APPENDIX.

THIS Appendix is different in character from what it was designed to be when the Preface to the series of volumes of "Legislative Journals of the Council of Colonial *Virginia*" was written some months ago. An examination of the remnants of the "legislative papers" of the General Assembly of *Virginia* for the colonial period convinced the editor that they might all be conveniently printed here, and he has, accordingly, taken advantage of the opportunity to present in one place to students of *Virginia* history this very valuable collection of documents.

The documents consist of petitions, propositions, "grievances" (that is, statements of grievances which it was suggested that the General Assembly should relieve), claims (with, where possible, accompanying certificates), reports of committees, bills, communications of one house to the other (including suggested amendments to bills), and several miscellaneous papers difficult of classification.¹

If all the papers of this description which came into being in the long history of the General Assembly of colonial *Virginia* had been preserved, there would be in existence to-day a very great mass of them—an accumulation which could be printed only in many volumes. In fact, however, only a very few of them have survived the accidents of fire and removal to which they have been several times subjected, and the effects of the carelessness of custodians who failed to appreciate their value; and all, or nearly all, of those which do survive show the ill effects of the experiences which have been theirs.² Because of the great losses which have occurred it is possible to print in this Appendix in a comparatively few pages all the "legislative papers" for the colonial period of *Virginia* history which the editor has been able to find in the *Virginia* State Library, their present depository; and it is believed that few have been overlooked, since, though the very large collection of *Virginia* archival material in the library has not yet been finally arranged and indexed, it has been carefully examined more than once, and it has been classified, though not minutely.

Much of the material appearing in this Appendix has been printed in Vol. I of the "Calendar of *Virginia* State Papers" (*Richmond*, 1875), but only in abstract, though sometimes in full, and some of the rest of it has been printed in the "*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*," where appears, printed in full, the material of the colonial period collected by the editors after the publication of Vol. I of the "Calendar of *Virginia* State Papers," and designed for use in a following volume, but not actually printed. A few additional papers of the desired character have been found more recently, and these are also, of course, included in this Appendix.

It seemed appropriate to the editor that all this material should be printed in one place, for the convenience of users of the Journals of the House of Burgesses and of the Council. These volumes, though printed in two sets, form in reality only one, and might very well have been printed as such with the title "Journals of the General Assembly of the Colony of *Virginia*." Had it been known, in fact, before the publication of Vol. I of the "Journals of the House of Burgesses" that the Journals of the Council would also be published, it would have been much better to publish the Journals of both chambers of the General Assembly in one series, each of its volumes made up of the Journals of the House of Burgesses for a suitable number of sessions, of the Journals of the Council for those sessions, and of the corresponding "legislative papers." But this was not known, and, accordingly, the only thing now feasible is to print all these "legislative papers" as an appendix to the last volume of the Council Journals.

¹ Among the original papers there are, comparatively speaking, a good many speeches of the governors and communications passing between the two houses which appear in full in the printed proceedings either of the House of Burgesses or of the Council, and these, of course, are not reprinted.

² See, for a treatment of the losses of archival material by the State of Virginia, the "Calendar of *Virginia* State Papers," Vol. I, Introduction, pp. xiv, ff.

Though the great majority of the "legislative papers" have been lost, a sufficient number remain to furnish a specimen or specimens of nearly all the different kinds of papers which came into being in the work of the colonial General Assembly, and thus to give a clearer knowledge of its procedure taken as a whole. The respect of the student for the colonial General Assembly of *Virginia* as a well organized and business like body of law-makers will be greatly increased.

The order of publication followed is chronological; and by use of the general index to the "Journals of the House of Burgesses" and of the general index to the present set of volumes, the student should have no difficulty in following any special paper through the General Assembly—except in a few cases in which the original papers are not dated and do not themselves convey sufficiently specific information to allow dates to be assigned to them with certainty. Most of the undated papers—and many have no dates—have readily had dates assigned, but a few remain in reference to which there is some uncertainty. Frequently—in fact, usually—in the cases in which the dates are given, the dates of the papers and the dates on which they were presented to the General Assembly are not the same. Hence it has been thought sufficient in the case of each paper to give only the year of the beginning of the session at which it was presented. In case the date has had to be assigned, this has been indicated by the use of brackets.

In addition to these strictly "legislative papers" described above, there are printed here one or two orders in Council confirming or repealing laws—all that can be found in the *Virginia State Library*—since these are specimens of papers recording the last act in the process of law-making for the Colony. By a search in the Public Record Office, *London*, many more of these orders might be brought to light—probably the great majority ever issued—but it was not thought indispensable for the purposes of this Appendix that a fullness of this class of records should be exhibited impossible of attainment in other classes.

The Appendix contains, also, an order of the General Assembly begun the 20th of *October*, 1677, a very interesting communication from the House of Burgesses at that session to the governor, the three important orders of *January* 14, 1679/80, issued by the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations to the governor and Council, the secretary of the Colony, and the clerk of the Assembly (House of Burgesses), respectively, in reference to the transmission of records to *England*—copies of all of which papers have only recently been received at the *Virginia State Library* from *London*—and of the Journal of the Committee for the Revival of the Laws appointed in 1699. All this material is of more than usual value. The order to the secretary of the Colony cannot, of course, be considered in any sense a legislative paper or a paper having any special relation to the General Assembly, but it, manifestly, ought by all means to be printed with its two companion orders. These three orders are responsible in large measure for the wealth of *Virginia* documentary material in the *British Public Record Office*.

At the same time that these three orders were sent to *Virginia* similar orders were sent to the governor and Council, the secretary, and the clerk of the Assembly of *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, and each of the *Leeward Islands*. What would be called at the present day "form letters" were prepared, and it happened that the copy retained in *England* in each case was of the letter sent to *Jamaica*. It is copies of these copies which have recently been received at the *Virginia State Library*, and these have been printed without making the change of "Island of *Jamaica*" to "Colony of *Virginia*," as it was deemed best to print the three copies exactly as they were received. As for the originals of these three letters sent to *Virginia*, only one—the one to the clerk of the Assembly—has been preserved; and this shows one rather important variation. The clerk was ordered to send copies of the Journals, etc., not quarterly, as the *Jamaica* letter has it, but "bye the first opportunities."

* It is now in the Library of Congress; and has been printed in the "Virginia Magazine of History and Biography," Vol. XIV, pp. 371, 372.

The Journal of the Committee for the Revival of the Laws belongs of right in this Appendix, inasmuch as the committee was a committee appointed by the General Assembly to do a special piece of work. The Journal is not entire, but the portions are most interesting as showing the procedure of the committee.

There were in colonial *Virginia* two Committees of Correspondence—one continuing from 1759 to 1771, whose duty it was to correspond with and direct the work of the agent of the Colony in *England*, and the other being the more famous committee which played such an important part in the days immediately preceding the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. Both of these were committees of the General Assembly, and their proceedings and correspondence have been in part preserved. They are not printed here, however, because the proceedings and correspondence of the Revolutionary Committee of Correspondence have been printed both in Vol. VIII of the “Calendar of *Virginia* State Papers” and in the “Journals of the House of Burgesses of *Virginia* 1773-1776,” and the papers of the earlier committee in Vols. IX-XII of the “*Virginia* Magazine of History and Biography.”

Appendix

1663

Att a Grand Affsembly held at James City Sep^r y^e 10th 1663

Ordered that *Piankitank* Swamp and that branch of it ruſing by Beſtland ſhall part *New Kent* County and the County now Nominated *Effex* in *Rappahannock* from thence Including the branches ruſing into *Mattapony* River into *Kent* County, and the branches running into *Rappahannock* River into *Effex* County, and accordingly *Middleſex* Ridge to be Equally divided between thoſe two Countys: provided that no Intrenchment be made upon *Glouceſter* County:

The Upper County upon the South ſide of *Rappa* River to be called *Effex* & beginning at the upper bounds of *Lancaſter* and runing up to the head of the River, backwards as farr as the Branches and runnes off the Creekes runing in the ſaid Rivers will ꝑmitt.

Teſt *William Randolph* Cl Ho Burg^a:

At a Court held for King & Queen County the 12th day of 8^{bre} 1706

Upon y^e Motion of *James Taylor* Gentl the above ord^r of Affsembly was admitted to record

Teſt

Will Stanard D Cl Cur

[Endorſed:] Ord^r Affsembly / ſettleing bounds / *Effex* & *King* & *Queen* / 12th *Octob^r* 1706 / W S D Cl Cur /

[Alſo endorſed:] Bounds of *New Kent* & / *Effex*

[Before 1670?]

To y^e R Worſ^h M^r Speaker & Houſe of Burgeſſes

Rob^t Beverley

Humbly Sheweth

That When Communication was ſeverall times had with him by ſeverall worthy members of this houſe about his undertaking to officiate as Clk of y^e Comittee of propoſitions & Grievances, and other ſuch like ſervices as the houſe ſhould require of him, he conſtantly answered that it would not be worth his while to neglect his other affairs, be at an expenſive attendance here, & hazard his loſſes & miſmanagm^{ts} at home in caſe of ſickneſs &c in his family having nobody at home or near thereabouts that underſtands any thing of that nature, for y^e Salary uſually given to ſuch Clerk, and that he would not undertake it without an affurance of fifty pounds *Ster^l*, and ſo much he ſhould expect if the houſe thought fit to make uſe of him.

But ſo it is may it pleaſe your worſ^{ps} that laſt night, he having accidentall comũication with ſome of your members concerning y^e ſame, was informed that the houſe did not underſtand it ſo, and that he might alſo be paid in tobacco as has been done ſometimes heretofore.

Therefore he now humbly offers this his petition that there may be no further miſunderſtanding in the caſe, and that he may either be affured to have the ſaid fifty pounds *Ster^l*, or that you will not take it amiſs if he retires to take care of his other affairs, which can't be of leſs value to him than y^e antient ſalary's, being willing rather to reſt by y^e loſſes he has already ſuſtained, & bear y^e Damage of his expenſes and time hitherto ſlipt over than run any further hazard for a ſmaller reward.

He humbly deſires your ſpeedy reſolution And ſhall pray &c.

[Endorſed:] M^r *Robert Beverleys* pet^a to the Affsembly.

1677

1677

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 1, Vol. 41, No. 84.]

At a Grand Affembly begune at *Middle Plantation* at y^e house of Cap^t *Otho Thorp* y^e 20th day of *October* 1677

Collonell Nathaniel Bacon on his owne behalfe, and the rest of the owners of the shipp *Planters Adventure*, setting forth to this Affembly, that vppon the encouragement in the Act of Affembly freeing such shippes as shall wholly belong and appertaine to *Virginia* owners from paying the impost of 2/s p^r hhd & Castle dueties they did purchase the said shipp *Planters Adventure* which cost them 1500^{lb} sterll. And an Act of the last Affembly repealing the aforefaid Act of encouragement, and praying that the said Law may not be contrued to looke backward to the great hurt and damage of such persons who residing in this Collonie, have purchased shippes and other vessells vppon the encouragement thereof It is therefore hereby declared that the said law was not intended to looke backwards to include such shippes or other vessells as were belonging *bona fide* to *Virginia* owners before the said law was made, and shall continue soe to belong, And it is hereby Ordered that the said shipp *Planters Adventure* shall be allowed that priueledge so long as she shall wholly appertaine and belong to *Virginia* owners.

Tef^s *Robert Beverley* Cl Aff^{mbly} 77

[Endorsed:] ffreedome / from paym^t of / 2^s p^r hhd *Plant^{rs} / Adventure* / 20 Oct: 1677 / Order of Affembly / concern *Virg Own^{rs}* / Rec^d 1681. / B. M. / P. 6. /

1677

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 1, Vol. 41, No. 87.]

A Cappy from the House of Burgeses. / *October* 23rd 1677. /

To the Right Hon^{ble} *Herbert Jeffryes Esq^r* Gov^r of *Virginia* &c

The House of Burgeses humbly represent.

That the Hon^{ble} Sr *John Berry* Kn^t and *Francis Morison* Esq^r His Mat^{ties} Comm^{rs} for the affaires of *Virginia*, by a Warrant under their hands and Seales, dated the 19th of *Aprill* 1677 Did call for, comand and force from *Robert Beverly* Clerk of the Affembly into their hands and keeping for Severall Moneths, all the Originall Journalls, Acts, Orders Laws, proceedings, Guifts, Levyes, Accompts and other publique Allowances whatsoever, w^{ch} concerne and relate to the Affembly begun att *Green Spring* the 20th of *ffbruary* 1676/7 which wee take to bee a great violation of our priuiledges, And also all y^e Tranfactions Lawes and records w^{ch} concerne or relate unto the Affembles in *March* and *June* 1676 declaring in their said warrant to have full power and authority from His Mat^{tie} under the great Seale of *England* to Comand the same, w^{ch} this House do humbly suppose His Mat^{tie} would not grant or Comand, for that they find not the same to have been practised by any of the Kings of *England* in the like case.

And because this Comission was never published or putt upon Record, the House do humbly pray your Honour will please to grant them a view of the same, and that your Honour as His Mat^{ties} Governour and Representative here, will please to give this House such satisfaction, that they may bee assured no such violation of their priuiledges shall bee offered for the future. /

Tef^t *Robert Beverly* Cl: Affembly.

1679/80.

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 5, Vol. 1355, p. 400.]

Mem^{dum} That on the 14th of *January* 1679/80 Letters were written from the Lords of the Committee of Trade & Plantations, vnto the Governor & Council, Secretary, and Clerk of the Affembly at *Virginia* for Quarterly Accounts of all Proceedings, to the same effect with those written to *Jamaica*.

Vide page 353 etc in ye 1st Vol: of *Jamaica* Book.

1679/80.

1679/80.

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Class 138, Vol. 3, p. 353.]Letter from y^e Committee to y^e Gov^r & Council of *Jamaica*.

After our very hearty commendations vnto your Lo^p and the Council. Whereas his Ma^{ty} out of his great care of his Forreigne Plantations, hath been graciously pleased to appoint vs to bee a Committee of His Privy Council for the inspection and management of all matters relating thereunto; And his Ma^{ty} having alſoe of late years thought fit to nominate and conſtitute, by his immediate Orders, a certain number of Perſons fitly qualified to bee His Counſellors within His ſaid Plantations who having been, according to their duties, aſſiſting vnto his Ma^{ty} and his Governors, by their ſervices and advices in their reſpective Governments whereby, among the many Divine Bleſſings, His Dominions in *America* have dayly received a conſiderable augmentation of Strength and Riches to y^e great honor of his Ma^{ty}, the comfort of his ſubjects there, and the benefit of this Kingdom: It is now manifeſt that a more general and vnited application of the endeavors and ſervices of all ſuch as are intruſted in the diſcharge of the Publick Affairs, is become alſoe of greater weight and neceſſity; And it being altogether requiſite, for the welfare and improvem^t of his Ma^{tie}'s Plantations, that wee (to whom his Ma^{ty} has committed ſoe great a Truſt) ſhould have frequent Accounts and Informations from many hands of the publick tranſactions, occurrences and condition of each place, whereby wee may the better bee enabled to give His Maſteſty ſuch advices as may bee for his Royal Service and the advantage of his ſaid Dominions: Theſe are therefore, in his Ma^{tie}'s Name and by his expreſs commands, to ſignify his Royal pleaſure vnto your Lo^p his Governor in cheife and the Counſellors of His Iſland of *Jamaica* and to his Commander in cheif and Counſellors thereof for the time being, That you tranſmit vnto vs quarterly and at four ſeveral times in the year a particular account and Journal of all matters of Importance whether Civil, Eccleſiaſtical, or Military which ſhall concern that his Ma^{tie}'s Iſland and Government; and more eſpecialy what ſhall bee propoſed, debated, or concluded in the Council vpon the framing and paſſing of Laws; as alſoe the preſent State of the Trade outwards and inwards; What Obſtructions you find in the courſe thereof, with your opinions and obſervations how y^e State of that Iſland may, from time to time, bee improved; and what elſe you ſhall judge neceſſary for our knowledge and the good Government of that Plantation. Which Accounts and Informations are to bee ſigned by yo^r Lo^p His Ma^{tie}'s Governor and the Counſellors jointly and by the Commander in cheif and Council for the time being, and tranſmitted vnto vs by y^e firſt opportunity, as alſoe Duplicates thereof by the next ſucceeding conveyance.

And you are likewiſe to take care that this Letter bee regiſtred in the Council-Book of that Iſland, to the end that due obedience may bee at all times given to this Signification of his Ma^{tie}'s Pleaſure. And ſoe, not doubting of your Lo^p's and the Councils ready and punctual execution hereof, wee bid you very heartily farewell. From the Council Chamber at *Whitehall* this fourteenth day of *January* 1679/80.

Your very Loving freinds

<i>Angleſey.</i>	<i>Bridgewater,</i>	<i>Worceſter.</i>
<i>Wincheſter.</i>	<i>Sunderland.</i>	<i>H: London.</i>
<i>Bathe. Effex.</i>	<i>L. Hide</i>	<i>H: Coventry.</i>
<i>T: Chicheley.</i>	<i>H. Powle.</i>	

1679/80

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Class 138, Vol. 3, p. 356.]Lre to y^e Clerk of y^e Affembly of *Jam^{ca}* from y^e Committee.

After our commendations vnto you. Whereas his Ma^{ty} hath been graciously pleaſed, by his Commiſſion vnder the Great Seal of *England* to impower his Governor to Summon and call General Affemblys for the paſſing and enacting ſuch Laws as ſhall bee neceſſary for the publick peace and good Government of his Iſland of *Jamaica*; And
whereas

whereas it is necessary that wee (whom his Ma^{ty} hath appointed A Committee of his Privy Council for Trade and Forreign Plantations) should bee informed of all matters tranfacted by such Affembly for the better discharge of the Trust reposed in vs: These are therefore, in his Ma^{ties} name and by his exprefs commands, to direct and require you to send vnto vs a Journal of the Proceedings of the said Affemblys with Copies of the Votes, Orders, Bills and Laws which shall bee made, passed, or proposed therein. The same to bee transmitted by you vnto vs quarterly at four several times of the year; as alsoe Duplicates thereof by the next succeeding conveyance.

And that you and others, whom it may concern may at all times give due obedience hereunto, you are to make an Entry of this our Letter in the Books of the said Affembly, whereof you are not to faile. From the Council-Chamber at *Whitehall* this fourteenth day of *January* 1679/80.

Your loving freinds

<i>Anglesey. C. P. S.</i>	<i>Winchester.</i>	<i>Worcester.</i>
<i>J Bridgewater.</i>	<i>Effex. Bathe.</i>	<i>Fauconberg.</i>
<i>Cavendish.</i>	<i>L: Hyde.</i>	<i>H: Coventry</i>
<i>Hen: Capell</i>	<i>H: Powle.</i>	

1679/80

[From the Public Record Office, *London*, Colonial Office, Clafs 138, Vol. 3, p. 355.]

Lre from y^e Committee to y^e Sec^{ry} of *Jamaica*.

After our commendations vnto you Whereas His Ma^{ty} hath been graciously pleased to give and grant vnto you, by his Letters Patents vnder the Great Seal of *England*, the Office and place of Sec^{ry} of and for his Island of *Jamaica* in *America*, with all Profits and advantages appertaining thereunto. Which Office you are thereby charged and commanded to perform and execute with care and diligence, and to give a good account thereof vnto his Ma^{ty}: These are therefore, in his Ma^{ties} Name and by his exprefs commands, to direct and require you, and the Secretary of His Ma^{ties} said Island for the time being, or the Deputy or Deputies by you appointed, to send vnto vs a particular account of all things that shall pass or bee tranfacted within your said Office of Secretary with copies or full Abstracts of all Orders and papers that shall or ought to bee Registred therein, to th' end wee (whom his Ma^{ty} hath appointed A Committee of His Privy Council for Trade and Forreign Plantations) may bee the better enabled to perform the duty incumbent on vs. Which Accounts, Copies, and Abstracts are to bee transmitted by you vnto vs quarterly at four several times in the year; as also Duplicates thereof by the next succeeding conveyance.

And that you, and others whom it may concern may at all times give due obedience hereunto, you are to make an Entry of this our Letter in the Books belonging to y^e said Office of Secretary. Whereof you are not to fail. From the Council-Chamber at *Whitehall* this fourteenth day of *January* 1679/80.

Your loving freinds

<i>Finch C.</i>	<i>Anglesey C. P. S.</i>	<i>Worcester.</i>
<i>J Bridgewater.</i>	<i>Fauconberg.</i>	<i>Cavendish.</i>
<i>H: London</i>	<i>L: Hyde</i>	<i>H: Coventry.</i>
<i>H. Powle.</i>		<i>Hen. Capel.</i>

[1680]

The Clerk of y^e Gen^l Affembly his Oath.⁴

You shall sweare as Clrk of y^e Genall Affembly of this his Ma^{ties} Colony & Dominion of *Virginia* to w^{ch} office you are appointed by his Excell^{cy} faithfully justly & uprightly to make true Entries & Journalls of all votes & proceedings in y^e S^d Gen^l Affembly as from time to time you shall receive Orders & Direccons & you shall in all things according to your best skill & Judgm^t discharge & Execute y^e f^d office & trust of Clerk of the Gen^l Affembly. So help you God.

[1680]

⁴ For oath of the clerk of the House of Burgeffes, see "Journals of the House of Burgeffes, 1659/60-1693," p. 337.

[1680]

[Copied from "Virginia Magazine of History and Biography," Vol. 14, p. 362.]

Commiffion to Councillors to Adminifter Oaths to Burgeffes.

*Virg'a**By his Excellency:*

I doe hereby nominate, authorize & appoint you Collo. *Nicolas Spencer* Secr: and Collo. *William Cole* of his Majesties Councill of this Colony to adminifter the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Ufuall oath of a Burgefs to every perticular member, whoe is Returned elected Burgefs to ferve in this prefent Affembly. Given under my hand and Seale of the Colony.

Tho. Culpeper.

1682.

Publique. D^r

1680:

<i>Xber</i>	9:	To: 1 Ferrig. a. poft	30:
	16:	To: 3 Ferrig ^a 3. Indians to y ^e Gouvern ^r	30:
	17:	To: 1 Ferrige. poft returne	30:
	18:	To: 3 Ferrig ^a Indians returne	30:
<i>Jan</i>	4:	To: Ferrige poft. Coll ^o <i>Page's</i> Warrant	60:
	25:	To: Ferrige. 3 y ^e Gouvernors warrant	60:
<i>Feb^r</i>	1:	To: Capt. <i>Coopers</i> . Souldiers 3 warrant	60:
[1681]			
<i>March</i>	25:	To: ditto's Souldiers	60:
		To: ditto ^s Goeing 3: Souldiers	90:
		To: ditto: returning 3: Souldiers	90:
<i>Aprill</i>	15	To: M ^r <i>Gaines</i> Warrant for Indians ferriges	140
	26:	To: Coll ^o <i>Jones</i> Warr ^t for ferriges	60
<i>Jun^r</i>	6:	To: Capt ^a <i>Roffe</i> Warr ^t ferriges	60
	8:	To: Gouvernors Warr ^t ferriges	60
	12:	To: a' Certificate	100
	16:	To: 4: ferriges. 3 y ^e Gouvernors Warr ^t	120
		To: Capt ^a <i>Roffe</i> . Warrant ferriges	60
	18:	To: Capt ^a <i>Coopers</i> Warrant ferriges	120
	30:	To: 2 ferriges. M ^r <i>Bloomer</i> . 3 y ^e Gouvern ^{rs} order	60
<i>July</i>	2:	To: Capt ^a <i>Rofs</i> warr ^t	60
	10:	To: 4 ferriges <i>Rap^a</i> Souldiers 3 Gouvern ^{rs} order	120
	18:	To: Capt ^a <i>Roffe</i> . Warr ^t	120
	25:	To: y ^e Govern ^{rs} warr ^t	60
<i>Aug^t</i>	13:	To: Cap ^t <i>Soanes</i> warr ^t	120
	23:	To: Capt. <i>Roffes</i> warr ^t	60
	24:	To: Capt. <i>Rofes</i> Warr ^t	60
<i>7ber</i>	28:	To: Coll ^o <i>Jones</i> . Warr ^t	60
<i>Octob.</i>	18:	To: Coll ^o <i>Jones</i> Warr ^t	60
	23:	To: Coll ^o <i>West's</i> Warr ^t	100
	31:	To: Corporall <i>Dixons</i> Paffe	120
<i>9ber</i>	28:	To: M ^r <i>Broomers</i> paffe	60
<i>Xber</i>	2:	To: Capt. <i>Roffe</i> . warr ^t	60
	3:	To: Capt <i>Roffe</i> . warr ^t	120
	4:	To: y ^e Gouvern ^{rs} warr ^t	60
	15:	To: Coll ^o <i>Liddalls</i> warr ^t	60
<i>Jann^r</i>	14:	To: M ^r <i>Broomer</i> and <i>Shermans</i> paffe	120
<i>Feb^r</i>	8:	To: Capt. <i>Roffes</i> . warr ^t	60

<i>Aprill</i>	1:	To: M ^r Chiltons warr ^t	30
	14:	To: 6 ferriges Loder. Betty & Eckoles. Goeing & returning	180
	24:	To: 1 ferrige M ^r Broomer	30
<i>May</i>	1:	To: 4 ferriges. Capt: Roffe warr ^t	120
	4:	To: 1 ferrige William Pearce	30
	6:	To: 6 foot ferrig ^a & Capt. Coopers Warr ^t	60
	8:	To: 2 ferriges M ^r Dixon	60
	12:	To: 2 ferriges Coll ^o Jones. Warr ^t	60
	13:	To: W ^m Blages [?] and W ^m Heads ferrig ^a & Ditto Warr ^t	60
		To: Tho: Michaell. ferriges. & y ^e Gouvern ^r Warr ^t	60
		To: 1 ferrige & Capt. Coopers Warr ^t	30
	15:	To: 2 ferriges & Coll ^o Jones Warr ^t	60
<i>June</i>	8:	To: 4 Souldiers & y ^e Gouvern ^{rs} Warr ^t	120
	9:	To: 2 ferriges	60
	23:	To: 1 ferrige Robert Bignell	30
	29:	To: 2 ferriges	60
<i>July</i>	13:	To: 2 ferriges	60
	28:	To: 2 ferriges M ^r Bloomer	60
<i>Aug^t</i>	8:	To: 2 ferriges. & Coll ^o Liddall warr ^t	60
<i>7ber</i>	11:	To: 4 ferriges & Coll ^o Jones warr ^t	120
		To: 2 ferriges & Coll ^o Jones warr ^t	60
	21:	To: 3 ferriges Goeing & 3: Returning & Capt Coopers	180

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Edmund Banks ferriman

New Kent at a Court Held Octobr y^e 31st

This Lift was drawn by M^r Geo: Polegreen who on his Oarth declaires that theire was a fevrall receipt for Every Article to y^e best of his Knowledg and alfoe now in Courte Confirmed by y^e fferyman.—which is by y^e Courte Ord^d to be Attested

p^r Tho: Claiborne Clk:

To the R^t Hon^{ble} Henry Chicheley Kn^t Gov^r and to the Hon^{ble} Councill of State, and House of Burgeffes

Edmund Banks

Humbly p^rsenteth

That the publiq is indebted to y^e pet^r (as by the abouv account may appeare) four thousand three hundred and ninety pounds tob: w^{ch} hee humbly prays may bee ordered for him in New Kent or York County

And hee fhall pray ev:

November 22^d 1682

By y^e L^t Gouvern^r and Councel This is referred to y^e confideration of y^e house of Burgeffes

Edw^d Chilton Cl Gen^l Aff^{ly}[Endorfed:] Edmund / Banks / pub. Claime / allow^d 3659 /

[1682]

To the R^t Hon^{ble} S^r Henry Chicheley Kn^t Dep^{ty} Governor, and to the Hon^{ble} Councill of State & House of Burgeffes.

David Wickleff

Humbly Sheweth

That in June Affembly 1680 your pet^r had 10000 li of tobacco Levyed for him as Interpreter but had noe Caske allowed with the said tobacco, foe that there remains due to y^r pet^r eight hundred pounds of tobacco for Cask for the said 10000 li there is
also

also now due to y^r pet^r Eight thousand pounds of tobacco and caske for two yeares fallary as Interpreter according to the usuall Allowance all w^{ch} your pet^r humbly prays y^r Hon^{rs} may bee Levyed for him in *Westmoreland* County

And hee shall pray ev.

By the L^t Gouvern^r and Councel

Upon y^e motion of *David Whilly*, who is deemed to be y^e most constant, carefull, diligent and honest Interpreter, This petition is referred to y^e consideration of y^e house of Burgeffes

Test Edw^d Chilton Cl Gen^{ll} Aff^{bly}

[Endorsed:] Claim of / *David Wicklife* / Referred to the Committee / of Claimes / T M C affembly / allowed 8000 /

[1682^s]

To the worpsfull Justices of New Kent County

Charles Turner

Humbly Sheweth,

That in the Late Troubles your Peticon^r had five hoggs of aboute a yeare & halfe old killed & carry^d away by Cap^t *William Hartwell* for the Right honorable S^r *William Berkleys* use for the Souldiers then under him for wch your Peticon^r never reced any Satisfac^{co}n as he is ready to Depose he therefore humbly prayes Certificate of this Court upon proove as aforefaid made that he may receive fuch Satisfac^{co}n as the hoⁿable Affembly may then think fitt

& he shall Pray &c.

The Publique Dr To the above fd for hoggs 500 li tob.

Newkent Aprill y^e 15. 1679

This is to Certify that this Petition is sufficiently proved by y^e Oath of M^r *Charles Turner* whoe Deposed that he never Received any Satisfaction for y^e fame

Test Tho: Claiborne Clk.

[Endorsed:] *Turner^s* Cert / Allowed 500 / paid /

[Certificate accompanying]

17^o April 1679

These may Certify that in the Late Rebellion I Killed and Carryed away from off M^r *Charles Turners* Marish five hoggs being to the best of my remembrance Cropt on both Eares w^{ch} is the proper mark of the said *Turner* as he Claimes w^{ch} said hoggs were for the Governors & the men with him . . . & by his order.

W^m Hartwell

Test Robert Spring

Rich Awborne

[Endorsed:] Cap^t *Hartwells* / Certificate for / five hoggs / in anno Rebellion /

[1682^s]

Gentlemen y^e Sartifficate from me formarly granted to *Christophar Charton* [*Carleton*] Carpenter is ~~th~~ Acidence Loft tharefore doe One and doe declair y^t this ~~th~~son hath as moch doo to him as aney ~~th~~son y^t was thare or has bin allowed &c to this I doe subscribe

Geo. Lyddall

Octob^r y^e 29th 1681

New Kent Octob^r 29. 1681

This is to Certifie that the above Certificate is proved in Co^{rt} and that *Christopher Carleton* . . . ffive hundrd seventy seven pounds of Tob. as y^e other Carpenters which is Referred to y^e Affembly being not raised in y^e laft Pub. Leavy

Test Job Howes Deputy to

Tho. Claiborne Clk.

[1682^s]

* This is the date of the payment of the claim. The petition which was presented to the General Assembly has not been found.

* Date that the claim was paid. See immediately preceding note.

[1682⁷]

These Certify y^e M^r *Robt Sorrell* had a horfe Preffed into y^e King & Country Service at *Mattapony* Garryson w^{ch} horfe dyed y^e 20th of *March* one thouland fix hundred & Eighty Dated this feaventh daye of *Januarie* 1681

Geo: Lyddall:

[Endorfed:] Maj^r *Lyddall* . . . / M^r *Robt Sorrell* / Certi: for a horfe / Allowd 1000 /

1682

To y^e Right hono^r^{ble} y^e house of Burgeffes the Petition of *Mofes Davies* humbly sheweth

That yo^r Petition^r was Impreffed by L^t Coll: *Geo: Lyddall* to ferve his Majeftie in the Countrey Service, with his horfe and Armes from y^e 27th of *August* Anno: 1678: untill the 13th of *October*, ditto, and from thence untill y^e 10th of *Decembr* in the fame year, officiateing as Comiffarie, as by his Certificate, on y^e Comitty of Claymes Records may appear being for y^e time, both himfelfe, & his whole family meer flaves, in Rideing to y^e fev^{ll} Collectors, killing, faling, Receiveing in, & delivering out; his houle being never free, & what provifion was left, when y^e fouldiers were difbanded he delivered to Coll: *Lyddals* Order for y^e Garrifon at *Mattapony*, for which fervice yo^r Petition^r expected fuch pay, as by A^{ct} of Affembly, at *Middle Plantacon* Affembly, was due to him, if not for his extraordinary care & paines as aforef^d yet as a fouldjer; which came to 1960 li: of Tob: but in Lue of his juft right & debt, from y^e Country Received, but five hundred eighty one pound of Tob: to yo^r Petition^rs impoverifhm^t who muft mainetaine his wife, & children by his own labour, & induftry, & could not be by any meanes drawn to doubt, but y^t this hono^r^{ble} Affem^{bly} would have complied wth their own Law, which: yo^r Petition^r humbly conceives, is, & ever will be y^e fingular care, and intention of this Hono^r^{ble} houle, & y^t by fome miftake, or evil advice, y^e Petition^r is kept out of his juft Right and dues:

Y^r Petition^r therefore humbly prayes y^r hono^rs to take his certificate into yo^r ferious confideracon: and Order him what by Law is right, & due, which will be encouragem^t to him at all times to ferve his moft gracious Majeftie, in this Countrey fervice.

And y^r Petition^r as in duty bound fhall ever pray.

[Endorfed:] Peticon M^r *Mofes Davis* / for pay for Comiffaries / place. / Referrd for better prooffe / Xber 7 1682 / Teft W R Cl Com. / Allow^d 400 /

[1682⁸]*New Kent*

These are to Certefy that At A Court Held for this County y^e 15 of *May* 1679 M^r *Rich^d Tunftall* had a Certificate granted him for A Steear impreffed by M^r *William Leigh* Collector of provifions for y^e Soldjers under y^e Comand of Coll *West*, which Steare y^e f^d *Leigh* faith was Appraifed at 800^{ll} Tobo. & was Referred to y^e Affembly for pay from y^e Publique

Given under my hand *Novemb^r* y^e 10 1682

Per *Tho. Claiborne* Clk*O^ctob^r* y^e 23^d 1678

We y^e fufcrib^{rs} being fummoned by M^r *William Leigh* to apprize & vulture a ftear of M^r *Richard Tunftall* being preffed for y^e Countries ufe, do adjudge him to be really worth eight hundred pounds of Tobacco & Calk; & have hereunto fet o^r hands y^e f^d day & year above written

Christopher X Carleton
his mark

Richard X Hobfon
his mark

1682.

⁷ Date of payment of claim. See note above.

⁸ See preceding note.

(1503)

1682.

To the R^t Hon^{ble} S^r Henry Chicheley Kn^t Dep^{ty} Gov^r and to the Hon^{ble} Councell of State,
and House of Burgeffes,

Nathaniell Bacon Esqr

Sheweth

That he hath paid *John Babb* two thousand pounds of tobacco and Cask for transporting the Soldiers to the Garrifon for w^{ch} hee prayeth repaym^t in the Publique Levyee, in Yorke County where hee payed the same

And hee shall pray ev.

November 22^d 1682

By The L^t Gouvern^r and Councel This petition is referred to y^e confideration of y^e house of Burgeffes

Edw^d Chilton Cl Gen^{ll} Aff^{bly}

[Endorfed:] Nath: Bacon / Esqr pet^{on} / allow 2000 /

1682.

To the R^t Hon^{ble} S^r Henry Chicheley K^t Dep^{ty} Governour and to the Hon^{ble} Councell of State, wth the House of Burgeffes,

Benjamin Buckly

Humbly Sheweth

That y^r petitioner being a foldier at *Mattapony* Garrifon had a horfe Dyed there in *July* Laft in the fervice of the faid Garrifon, as by a Certificate under the hand of L^t Coll: *George Lyddall*, Comander there, may appeare, wherefore your pet^r humbly prays y^r Hon^{rs} that he may bee paid for his faid horfe in the Publiq Levy,

And hee shall ever pray

November 16th 1682

By the L^t Govern^r and Councel

This petition is referred to y^e confideration of the house of Burgeffes

Test

Edw^d Chilton Cl Gen^{ll} Aff^{bly}

[Endorfed:] Benj: Buckly / Pet^{er} / allowd 1000 /

[Certificate accompanying]

These Certifie that *Benjamin Buckley* had a Horfe Died at *Mattaponie* Garrifon in *July* laft past Dated this 4th of *Novemb^r* 1682: the sayd *Buckley* being a Souldjer belonging to the sayd Garifon

Geo: Lyddall.

[1682^s]

These are to Certifie y^t W^m *Atkingfon* did transport me, & 11 men & 12 horfe over *Pemunky* River Given under my hand this 16th day of 9^{ber} 1682

Cadwall^{dr} Jones

[Endorfed:] Cöll Cād Jones / Cert to fferryman / Allowed 275 /

[1682]

To the honorable House of Burgeffes

William Phillips

Humbly Sheweth

That yo^r Peticion^r did by vertue of an order from the Right honorable S^r *Henry Chicheley* Impowering yo^r Peticon^r to buy & procure provisions to be brought on Board Cap^t *Laramores* Ship did in Obedience thereunto buy & bring on board as much Porke as coft y^r Peticon^r twelve hundred Pounds of Tob. wch Claim y^r Peticon^r p^rented to this house in June 1680, but was then referred to the next Assembly

Wherefore yor P^t humbly prays this house to make him paym^t for the same in *New Kent* County & hee shall pray &cr.

[Endorfed:] Doctor Phillips / Peticon / Allowd 1200 /

• See preceding note.

1682.

1682.

To the R^t Hon^{ble} S^r Henry Chicheley Kn^t Dep^y Gov^r and to the Hon^{ble} Councell of State,
and house of Burgeffes

Edmund Bacon Humbly Sheweth

That at the time of June Affembly 1680. your pet^r did at his own Charge maintain
fourty foldiers at *Mattapony* Garrison about a month, before the order came to reduce
the 60. to 20. for w^{ch} humbly prays pay^t in the Publiq Levy

And hee shall pray etc

November 22^d 1682.

This partition is referred to y^e confideration of y^e house of Burgeffes

Edw^d Chilton Cl Gen^l Aff^{ly}

[Endorfed:] M^r Bacon / pet^{on} / allowd 6000 /

1682.

To The Right Honourable S^r Henerie Chicheley Kn^t his Majs Deputie Gouvernour and
the Honourable Councell of State: and the Worship^{full} House of Burgeffes

The humble petition of George Lyddall

Sheweth

That yo^r Petition^r has imburfed these severall Sumes hereunder mentioned upon the
publick acco^{nt} at the Garifon of *Mattaponie*

Yo^r Petitioner humblie craves that he may bee reimbursed by the Publick

And he shall ever pray &c^a

To: 4 times triming y ^e boate the makeing two prs of Oares & triming the flatt..	0500
To: 5 m: 10 ^d : Nails & 3 m: 8 ^d : to M ^r Biggers Vallew or 11: 18 ^s : 00 ^d : at 5 ^s li: is...	0386
To: an iron halp & hinge & ftaple.....	0060
To: Y ^e Indians to finde stray horses.....	0100
To: fixing of . . . by the Smiths Boate.....	0500
To: 3 yd ^s of Sacking for baggs.....	0060
To: a pr of Stilliards at 50 ^s : at 5 ^s : 3 ^d : li: is.....	0100
To: 15 gall ^s of Tarr—15 ^s : at 5 ^s 3 ^d li: is.....	0150
To: a boate preffed and two handes to carie the <i>Red Coates</i> downe to y ^e <i>Middle-plantation</i>	0500
To: a boate building of 19: foote &c ^a	1300
To: the Boate Wrights diett.....	400

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November 17 1682,

By the L^t Gover^r and Councell

This petition is refferred to y^e Confideration of y^e House of Burgeffes.

Test Edw^d Chilton Cl. Gen^l Aff^{ly}

[Endorfed:] Col. Lyddall / Petition / G L: / Allowd 3950 /

1682.

To the Right Hono^{ble} S^r Hen: Chicheley Kn^t his Maj^{ties} Lef^t Gov^r of Virginia &c the
Hono^{ble} Councell of State, & Burgeffes of this p^rs^{ent} Gen^l Affembly

Cornelious Dabney in most Humble manner p^rsenteth

That at y^e Affembly holden att *Green Springs* one thousand Six hundred Seventie
& Six yo^r petion^r was admitted & fworne an Interpreter for the Queen of *pomunkys*
nation of Indians in w^{ch} place yo^r petion^r did faithfully p^rforme his duty, & did Receive
from the publicke by ord^r of Affembly held att *Middleplantation* two thousand Eight
hundred pounds of Tobacco without Cafq^e and by ord^r of y^e Gener^l Affembly held att
James City y^e Eight of June one thousand Six hundred & Eighty, tenn thousand pounds
of

of Tobacco without Cafq^e: Soe that according to y^e usual manner of allowance, of foure thousand pounds of Tobacco & Cafq^e p Annum theire remains yett due to yo^r petitioner Nine thousand two hundred pounds of tobacco and Cafque, & Cafque for the former paym^t Amounts unto one thousand twenty & foure pounds of tobacco, soe that ye whole now due to yo^r petition^r is Tenn thousand Nine hundred & Sixty pounds of tobacco w^{ch} yo^r petition^r humbly praies may be ord^{ed} Convenient in *Yorke* or *New Kent* Countys

And yo^r petition^r as in duty bounde shall ever pray

By y^e L^t Govern^r and Councel / This petition is referred to y^e / consideration of y^e house of Burgeffes / 9ber 16th / 1682 Test Edwd: Chilton Cl Gen^{ll} Aff^{bly} /

On y^e 30th of September 1682, Geo: Smith was sworn Interpreter for y^e Pomunkey Indians, till which time Cornelius Dabney is to be allowed for y^e same

Test Edw^d Chilton Cl Gen^{ll} Aff^{bly} 1682

[Endorfed:] Cn^{ss} Dabney / Pet^{on} / allow^d good /

[1684]

To the Hon^{ble} House of Burgeffes

Lancelott Bathurst.

Humbly p^rsenteth

That in Aprill last your pet^r was appointed Clerk of the Committee of private Causes, and Did attend untill the Assembly was prorogued, And at this present Assembly hee was appointed Clerke of the Committee for Examination of the Records w^{ch} hee hath diligently attended upon, and also assisted the Committee of Greivances by M^r Speaker's order, wherefore hee humbly prays that hee may bee considered for the same in the publiq Levy, and that it may bee ordered him in *New Kent* County,—

And hee shall pray ev.

[Endorfed:] Lancelott / Bathurst / pet^{on} / Referred to Com / for claimes / T. B: fpeaker

1684

[Copied from the "*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*", Vol. 18, pp. 371-373.]

Virginia Sr. By his Excellency

A Proclamation repealing the five following Acts of Assembly:

Whereas his most sacred Majesty in Council was pleased to take under his most Royal Consideration the following Acts of Assembly of this his Dominion of Virginia Viz: An Act made at an Assembly held at *Green Spring* in Anno 1676-7 entituled an Act for laying Parish Levies— An Act made in Anno 1677 at an Assembly held in *middle Plantation* entituled an Act for signing Executions on Judgments passed by the grand Assembly; An Act made at an Assembly held at *James City* Anno 1683 entituled an Act Prohibiting the Exportation of any Iron, Wool, Wolfels, Skins hides or Leather; An Act made at an Assembly held at *James City* Anno 1683 repealing an Exception in the Ninth Act of Assembly made in the Year 1664 is by this Proclamation repealed and the Exception made in the Ninth Act of 1664 declaring the Inhabitants of *James City* County to be lyable to arrefts in the General Court time continues and remains in force An Act made at an Assembly held at *James City* 1683 entituled an Act repealing the Sixth Act of Assembly of June 1680 about Attorneys the said Act of repeal is hereby repealed and the Sixth Act of Assembly made at an Assembly in the Year 1680 about Attorneys is revived and of full force and Strength as when first Enacted All which aforefaid five Acts of Assembly his Majesty in his Princely Wisdom hath found not only inconvenient but unfit to be longer continued and hath been pleased by his Royal Instructions to direct and Command me Francis Lord Howard his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of this Dominion to repeal all and every the aforefaid Act and Acts of Assembly, Pursuant whereunto I Francis Lord Howard Baron of *Effingham* his Majesty's Lieut and Governor General of *Virginia* do by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name repeal and make void all the expresse Acts of Assembly and every Part and Clause thereof is from henceforth repealed, made Void, and declared Null to all intents and Purposes as if no such Act or Acts of Assembly had ever been made and Enacted, and I do by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name, strictly Charge, Command, and require all Judges, Justices

Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs and other his Majesty's Subjects within this Dominion of Virginia to observe, keep and duly perform this Proclamation of Repeal, which to the Intent it may be the better made known and have his due observance all his Majestyes Sheriffs in their respective Counties are required to make Publication hereof at the first Publick Convention at their County Court house as also all Ministers in their Parish Churches, And whereas by this Proclamation the Sixth Act of Assembly made in 1680 entituled *an Act ascertaining Attorneys fees* is by his Majesty's special Command revived and in the full Strength and Sense of an Act of Assembly, And it being thereby ordered directed and appointed that no Persons whatsoever shall be admitted to practice as an Attorney either in County Court or General Court but such as shall be first licenced by his Majesty's Governor and forasmuch as there are now many causes depending in the County Courts and General Court under the Management of Several Persons now Practicing as Attornies in which to the Interest none concerned in the Causes depending or Actions to be brought may want fitt and able attornies at Law to manage their Causes I have thought fit by this Proclamation to make known and declare that during my intended short time of Absence from my Government I have empower'd and directed Mr. Secretary *Spencer* to issue forth Commissions of Attornies at Law to fitt and able Persons under such Considerations as I have given unto him; Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony this 19th of June 1684.

To the Sherif of or his Deputy.

Effingham.

God Save the King

[1691]

10th July

1689

"Edmund Jennings Collect^r of
York River To the Impost Dr
of 3^d £ Gln on Liquors is

Contra Cred

Glns:	li	s	d		li	li	s	d
For 2050 in the Bark <i>Little Edw^d</i>	-	-	25: 12: 06	£ Salary For	46:00:00			
For 400 in the Ship <i>Potomack mercht:</i>	-	05: 00: 00		at 10 £ Ct	-	-	4: 12: 00	
For 1030 In the ship <i>Mary & Elizabeth</i>	-	12: 17: 06		Recd	-	-	41: 08: 00	
For 200 in the ship <i>Katherine</i>	-	-	2: 10: 00					
								46: 00: 00
3680			46: 00: 00					

1690:

24th July

Glns:

For 1400 of Rum in the Kitch <i>Ruth & Mary</i>	-	-	5: 00: 00	£ Salary of	86: 12: 6			
For 1400 of Rum in the <i>Pelicon</i>	-	-	17: 10: 00	at 10 £ Ct is	-	-	8: 13: 03	
For 1010 of Rum in the <i>John & Sarah</i>	-	12: 12: 06		Recd	-	-	77: 19: 03	
For 4120 of Rum in the <i>Pink Thomas & Frances</i>	-	-	51: 10: 00					86: 12: 06
6930			86: 12: 06					

1690

For 7650 In the Ship <i>Judith</i>	-	-	95: 12: 6	£ Salary of	118: 2: 6			
For 1800 In the Ship <i>Bayly</i>	-	-	22: 10: 0	at 20 Ct is	-	-	11: 16: 03	
				Recd	-	-	106: 06: 03	
9450			118: 02: 6					118: 02: 06

20th Ap^l 1691

A True Copy

William Byrd Aud:

[Endorsed:] M^r *Jennings* 3 acct^s

July - 89 - 41: 08: 00

July - 90 - 77: 19: 03

Ap^l - 91 - 106: 06: 03

[1691]

¹⁰ This paper is part of Auditor *Byrd*'s account of the revenue arising from the tax on liquors, the rest being lost.

(1507)

[1691]

To The Right Honorable y^e Govern^r and y^e Honor^{ble} Councill of State of Virginia

Thomas Busbey in all humility

Sheweth

That Yo^r Petion^r was fworne a publicke Interpreter to the Southern Indians in y^e year 1677 and hath served in y^t employment upon all Comands from the Governors of *Virginia* y^t have beene since y^t time for y^e which doing, and in y^e Consideraçon of Yo^r Petion^rs great charge and trouble; The Grand Asssembly y^t was held at y^e *Midle plantacon* was pleased to ascertaine Yo^r Petion^r Six thousand pounds of Tobacco and Caske as a yearly Sallary for y^e Same; and ever since y^r Petion^r hath Continued to performe y^t trust; and whereas a Grand Asssembly y^t was Convened in y^e year 1686 was pleased to take of from yo^r petion^rs yearly Sallary two thousand pounds of tobacco and Caske and to allow him but four thousand pounds of tobacco and Caske yearly; nevertheleffe Yo^r Petion^r hath ever since continued to Serve as Interpreter faithfully discharging his duty therein to y^e Severall Right Honor^{ble} Govern^rs of this Collony— And also hath beene employ^d in y^e Same publicke Service by Yo^r Hon^r ever Since Yo^r happy arrivall here; alwayes willingly obeying Yo^r Hon^rs Comand^s to him directed in y^t publicke Service; therefore Yo^r Petion^r humbly adresses himselfe to you Right Honor^{ble} S^r and the Honorable Councill of State y^t you would bee pleased favorably to Consider what Yo^r Petion^r humbly Sheus [Sues] for; which is as Yo^r petion^r humbly conceives twenty thousand pounds of Tobacco and Caske being due to Yo^r Petion^r for five Years sallary; as Interpreter; in y^e performance whereof Yo^r Petion^r hath beene at a Considerable charge in his own house to entertaine Indians besides his great Expence at *James Citty* and other places when about y^t publicke imploy; all which with yo^r Petio^rs yearly Sallary always heretofore allowed; is left by yo^r Petion^r to yo^r Hon^rs most Serious Consideracon

Yo^r Petion^r as in duty bound Shall ever pray

[Endorfed:] *Busbys pet: about Salry May 1691*

[1691]

To the Right Hon^{ble} Francis Nicholson Esq^r their Ma^{ties} Livetenant Gouverner of Virg^a And to the Hon^{ble} Councill of State.

Sarah Weldon Widd^e of Sam^l Weldon late Sheriff of James Citty County decd in Behalfe of her Selfe & the Orphants of y^e f^d Weldon decd.

Humbly Sheweth

That Some time before the death of the f^d *Weldon* he did Exhibit to this present Asssembly an acc^t of fee's disbursements & Necessary & unufuall charges for Attendance of himselfe & Officers, on the Gen^l Courts, Councils, and Asssembly; Amounting to thirty odd Thousand pounds of tobacco; Now foe it is may it please y^r Hon^rs that the f^d Acc^ts being before the Comitty of publique claimes thay have not allowed y^r pet^r any thing for himselfe & Officers Attendance on the Gen^l Courts or Council, nor many other things fformely & ufualy allowed to the Sherr^t of *James Citty*

Therefore y^r poore pet^r prays y^r hon^rs to Consider the Indigency of her Selfe & Orphants, & order that they may be allowed, by the publique w^t shall appeare Justly due, as formerly hath bene allowed to other Sherriffs, or that y^r Hon^rs would Direct Such other way for payment of the Same as shall seeme fitt to y^r hon^rs

And y^r poore pet^r as in duty bound Shall ever pray &c.

[1691]

To the R^t Hono^{ble} Francis Nicholson Esq^r their Ma^{ties} Liev^t Gov^r of Virg^a and Councill

Henry Gauler sheriffe of James Citty County humbly sheweth

That yo^r pet^r Exhibited to this Asssembly an acco^t of ffees disbursements & Necessary and ufual Charges For attendance of yo^r pet^r and Offic^rs on the Gen^l Corts & Councils amounting to but Eight thousand and odd pounds of Tobacco Now foe it is may it please

pleafe yo^r Hono^{rs} that the said acco^{ts} being before y^e Comitte of publiq Claimes they have not allowed yo^r pet^r any thing for his owne . . . offic^{rs} attendance nor many other things formerly and ufually allowed to the sherriffe of *James City*.

Yo^r pet^r therefore humbly prays yo^r hono^{rs} to Consider the same and Ord^r allowance thereof from the publiq, or fuch other way of paym^t as yo^r Hono^{rs} shall think fitt

And he shall ever pray &c

[1692/3]

To y^e Right Hon^{ble} ffraunces Nicholfon Esq^r their Maief^{ties} Left Gover^r y^e Counsell of State & worship^{full} house of Burgefles:

Left David Strahanne and Eight of y^e Rangers under his Comd^t Humbly sheweth that in febr^y Last past was twelve Month they were Commanded to their armes and by y^e ord^r of Cp^t Mallachy Beall mett att y^e hous of y^e f^d Cp^t Beall and there Received orders on y^e fifteen Day febur^y to Continu in armes untill further orders which hee Expected Every day from y^e Right Hon^{rs} Honourable y^e Gov^r and from y^e time that Left Strahanne Recd his Commiffhon which was about y^e Middle of *March* following: they have to y^e outmoft of their power don their duty to this day: and having but three of y^e fix men orderd from *Rapahanok*: by y^e Right Honourable y^e Gov^{rs} Advice and order Lifted three n *Stafford* to make out our number twelve, which three was Lifted about the Midill *July*: foe y^e wee Humbly Conceive that y^e nine Monthes pay Raifed by the Affembly became due to y^e firft Eight y^e fifteenth day of *November* Last past, y^e other three wee Leave to yo^r Hon^{rs} Consideration Hoping yo^r Hon^{rs} will Confid^r our duty was the harder and that our Ranges being bad and ftony are forft to be att y^e Charge of the fhewing [fhoeing], neither is itt poffible that one hors can performe y^e farvis: foe hope the Honor^e Affembly will Consider us in our pay, and wee as in duty bound shall be Redy to farve and Pray for health & proffperity to yo^r Honours.

David Strawhan

[Papers accompanying]

To the Honor^e Chriftofer Robinfon Esq^r their Maj^{ties} fecretarie of fstate of Virginia

David Strawhane Lt of y^e Rangers for *Potomacke* being ordered by his Excellency y^e Gov^r Gen^l to Certifie to your honor y^e time of fervice of my felfe and Eight men & two Indians belonging to *Stafford* and three men out of *Rapahanocke* in All humillitie Doth prefent that himfelf foldiers & Indians have ferved thus. firft himfelf Eight troopers & two Indians ffrom y^e 15th of *februarie* 1690 untill y^e middle of *July* 1691 & then had three more troppers by y^e Lt Gouv^{rs} com^d aded out of *Stafford* ffor want of three out of *Rapahannock* & fince that time myfelf y^e said Eleven troopers & y^e two Indians have Duly ferved to this Day viz *November* y^e 2^d 1692 wittnys my hand

David Strawhan

[Endorfed:] Lt David Straughans / acco^t of tob^o for Rangeing / 9^{br} 2^d 1692 /

[Alfo endorfed:] Lt Straughan recd all / y^e 9 Mo: pay for himfelfe / & 11 Men altho he wanted / 3 men 5 monthes / the tobacco p^d him in / *Stafford* / *Westmore^d* / *Northumber^d* / *Lancafter* /

A journiall of one Ranging Given by me David Strahane Left of y^e Rangers of Pottomack—

June the 9th 1692 We Ranged up *Ackoqwane* & fo back of the Inhabitants & y^e 10th we returned & difcovered nothing

June the 17th we Ranged over *Ackoqwane* & fo we Ranged Round *Perfies Neck* & ther we lay that night. And on y^e 18th came to *Pohike*, & ther we heard that Cap^t *Mafones* ferv^t man was miffing. Then we went to fee if wee could find him, & we followed his foot about halfe a mile to a houfe that is deserted. & we took y^e tract of a great many Indians, & we followed it about 10 miles, & our horfes being weary & having no provifions we was forced to returne.

June

June the 26th We Ranged up to *Jonathan Mathenfitts* along with *Capt Mafone*, & there we mett with *Capt Howfely*, & we fent over for the Emperour, but he would not come, & we went over to y^e tonne, & they held a *Mafocomacko* & ordered 20 of their Indians to goe after y^e Indians that Carried away *Cap^t Mafones* man, & fo we returned—

July y^e 3^d we Ranged up *Meapfco*, & fo back of y^e Inhabitants & the 4th we returned & difcovered nothing—

July y^e 11th we Ranged up to *Brent tonne*, & there we lay that night, & y^e 12th we returned, & difcovered nothing

July y^e 18th we marcht up to *Pohike*, & ther we mett with *Cap^t Howfely* & fo we ranged round *Perfies Neck* & ther we lay that night, The 19th we Ranged up *Ackotink* & ther we quartered, & we returned and difcovered nothing. So we Ranged once in y^e week till y^e 20th of *Septb^r* then we marcht to *Cap^t Mafones*, and ther we mett with *Capt Howfely* & his men, fo we draved out 12 of our beft horfes, & fo we ranged up *Ackotink* & ther we Lay that night

Septb^r the 22 we Ranged due Weft till we Came on a great Runn that made in to y^e fuggar Land, & we marcht down it About 6 miles & ther we Lay that night.

Sept^r the 23 we marcht to the fuggar Land & ther we Lay that night. The 24th we Ranged about to fee if we Could find y^e tract of any Indians. But we could not fee any frefh figne. And the 25th we marcht to *Cap^t Howfeley* & ther we lay that night. The 26th marcht down to *Cap^t Mafones*, & ther I difmiffed my men till y^e next *March*— So we have continued Ranging every Week till this prefent tym, & Have not difcovered any thing worth relating—

This is a true Accompt of our proceedings Given by me

David Strawhan

Virg^a Ss.

An acco^t of tobacco paid the Rangers at the heads of the Rivers for the time they were in Actuall Service being part of the tob^e raifed for them the laft Seffion of Affembly viz^t

	li tob ^e	where paid	li tob ^e
To <i>L^t Giles Webb</i> for 8 & 1/2 Months pay beginning the Firft of <i>March</i> and ending the 15 th of 9 ^{br} laft - - - -	03825	In <i>Henrico County</i> - - - -	07377
to 11 Souldiers for 8 & 1/2 Months pay	25245	<i>Charles Citty County</i> - - -	14353
to one Indian for 8 & 1/2 Months pay	00561	<i>Ile of W^t County</i> - - -	08635
to the Owner of the Indians horfe for 8 & 1/2 months pay - - - - -	00734		30365
	30365		
	li tob ^e		li tob ^e
To <i>L^t Tho: Smith</i> for 8 & 1/2 months pay beginning the firft of <i>March</i> & ending the 15 th 9 ^{br} laft - - - - -	03825	In <i>New Kent County</i> - - -	13410
to 11 Souldiers for 8 & 1/2 months pay	25245	<i>King & Queen County</i> - - -	18250
to 2 Indians for 8 & 1/2 pay - - - - -	01122		
to the Own ^{rs} of the Indians horfes for 8 & 1/2 months pay - - - - -	01468		31660
	31660		

To

(1510)

	li tob°		li tob°
To Lt J ⁿ o Taliaferro for 8 Months pay beginning the 15 th of March & ending the 15 th of 9 ^{br} laft - - - - -	03600	In Rapp ^a County - - - - -	28940
to 11 Souldiers for 8 Months pay - -	23760	Lancafter County - - - -	00858
to 2 Indians for 8 Months pay - - -	01056		
to the Own ^{rs} of the Indians horses for 8 Months pay - - - - -	01382		29798
	29798		

	li tob°		li tob°
To Lt David Straughan for one y ^{rs} pay he being continued in service all y ^e yeare - - - - -	05400	In Stafford County - - - -	05684
to 11 souldiers one y ^{rs} pay - - - -	35640	Westmorland County - -	11930
to 2 Indians one y ^{rs} pay - - - - -	01585	Northumberland County -	15369
to the Own ^{rs} of the Indians horfes one yeares pay - - - - -	02074	Accomack County - - -	11131
	44699	Northampton County - -	00585
			44699

An Acco^t of what tob° remains not disposed of

	li tob°
In Isle of W ^t County - - - - -	03825
Nanfimond County - - - - -	02692
Norfolk County - - - - -	07267
Princefs Ann County - - - - -	03981
Eliz ^a Citty County - - - - -	02514
King & Queen County - - - - -	02939
Glocefter County - - - - -	04055
Lancafter County - - - - -	09916
Northampton County - - - - -	05185
	42374

James Citty March the 24th 1692

In Obedience to an Order of his Ex^{cy} in Councill I have examined the time the Rangers at the heads of the Rivers were in Actuall service & when discontinued & what tob° remains in *deposito*, of the Salary raifed the laft fession of Affembly for them (there being an Order of his Ex^{cy} in Councill for their difbanding the 15th of 9^{br} laft and doe Finde it as above ftated.

W^m William Byrd Auditor

1693

By the house of Burgefles.

May it please your Honors.

To your Hono^a meffage concerning the article of fifty two pounds eleven fhillings and three pence charged to Coll. Hill with the damages & cofts, we anwer that we charged that Sum to Coll. Hills acco^t becaufe we had information from Coll. Cole, that he had that fum returned in protested Exch. w^{ch}, he rec^d of Coll. Hill & would deliver them or the mony to Such perfon as fhould be appointed. Since therefore Coll. Hill is not pleaed to be anwerable for them, we have new ftated the acco^t & ordered the Sum of Sixty one pounds one fhilling three pence to M^r Blair in Coll. Coles hands, w^{ch} we doubt not will be readily complied with.

Sign'd by order of the house of Burgefles

Peter Beverley Cl. H. Burg.

Nov^r 18. 1693.

[Endorfed:] Adrefs of Houfe of Burgefles. 18th Nov^r 1693.

Whereas

[1696]

Whereas for a Continuall Supply of the Miniftrey for the Church of *Virg^a* for the Pious Education of Youth in Morallity and good Learning and for the ꝑꝑogation of the Xtian faith in the Weft Indies Propoffiçions have been made by Certain ꝑꝑsons piously Inclined for the Founding and Erecting a Colledge or place of Univerfall Study within this Dominion of *Virg^a* ꝑꝑfueant to which Said propoffiçions Certain breifs were at Severall times Ifsued for Subfcriptions to be made of free and Vollandary Donations towards the promoteing and Carryeing on So good a Work to which Said Briefs or Instruments of Writeing Severall ꝑꝑsons did Subfcribe for Divers Sums of Money tobb and other things & did by Such Subfcriptions oblige themfelves their heirs Ex^{rs} and Adm^{rs} to pay the Said Severall Sums of money tobacco and other things in the Said Subfcriptions mentioned at a time then to Come to Such ꝑꝑfon or ꝑꝑsons as by Law Should be appointed to receive the Same Now to the end that the building & furnifhing the Said College may be Carryed on with the greater ease and Expedition and for the of all Doubts and difputes about the ꝑꝑsons whom the faid *Be it Enacted by the Govern^r Council and Burgeffes* Enacted that his maj^{tie} Govern and *Harry Hartwell* and *James Blair John Harnsfold Stephen ffouace* and *Samuel Grey* Clerks *John Smith Benjamin Harrifon* and *Miles Cary* Gent^l *W^m Randolph* Efqr and *Matthew Page* Gent^l Truftees and Founders of the College of *William* and *Mary* in *Virg^a* or the Maj^r part of them or of the Longeft Livers or the Longeft Liver of them and his or their heirs Shall be and are hereby Declared to be ꝑꝑsons apt and Capeable in Law and Sufficiently Impower'd by the Charter Granted by his ꝑꝑfent Maj^{tie} and the late Queen of bleffed memory to take and receive all Such Subfcriptions or Donations as before the date of this Aët by any Obligaçon or Subscription have been made or given towards the building Erecting and founding a free Schoole and College within this Collony and Dominion of *Virg^a* and that in Cafe of Refufeall or Nonpayment of the Said Subfcriptions or Donations or any part thereof by any ꝑꝑfon or ꝑꝑsons whatfoever the Said *ffrancis Nicholfon* and the reft of the Truftees and founders aforemençoned or the major part of them or of the Longeft Livers or the Longeft Liver of them and his or their heirs Shall be and are hereby Declared and from hence forward Shall be taken and Deemed to be ꝑꝑsons apt and Capeable in Law to Sue Implead and profecute all and every Such ꝑꝑfon or ꝑꝑsons whatfoever and to ufe all other Lawfull wayes and means to and for the recovery of all and every Such Subscription or Subfcriptions Donaçon or Donations and of every part and parcell thereof as fully and amply to all interest and purpofes as if the faid obligations had been Exprefly made payable to the Said *ffrancis Nicholfon* and the reft of the truftees & founders aforemençoned or to y^e Maj^r part of them or the Longeft Livers or y^e Longeft Liver of them or their heir or heirs in and for the ufes intereft and purpofes aforefd and after the receipt of any of y^e Said Subfcriptions or Donations either by Such Legal profefs or by Voluntary payment of any ꝑꝑfon or ꝑꝑsons the Said Truftees and founders as aforefd are hereby fully Impowered to Acquit Exonerate and Difcharge all and every Such ꝑꝑfon or ꝑꝑsons whatfoever of and from the Said payment or payments and every part and p^{cel} thereof and for ꝑꝑvencon of all delays in the Proving of the Said Subfcriptions or Donations, Be it Declared that all and every part and parcell of the Said Subfcriptions or Donations to the faid truftees of any doubts that may arife in the Conftitution of the ꝑꝑfent Aët or any part thereof *Be it further Enacted* that the aforefd heirs Ex^{rs} and Adm^{rs} of any ꝑꝑfon or ꝑꝑsons decd who have made any of the Said Subfcriptions or Donations Shall be and are hereby meant and intended to be held and obliged to the payment thereof as fully and firmly as any other ꝑꝑfon or perfons whatfoever.

[Endorfed:] A bill for facilitateing / the payment of the / Donations to the College / of *William* and *Mary* / in *Virginia* /

[1696]

[1696]

To: his Exalency S^r Edmund Andrews [Andros] his Maj^{ty}s Lifenant and Govener Genarell
of Vargenia and y^e honarable Counsell of State and y^e worshipfull house of Burgises:
y^e in habotence of ¶monke necke humble: shewet

Where as there hath bine a petition prefered for y^e makeing of ¶monke a county:
wee being not a bove four hundred therty ode tithabells not thinke our felfs yeat in a
compafity for y^e maintaining of y^e charge. Wee hombly prayeth y^t it may bee Refarred
tell wee fhall bee in a better compafity and Wee fhall ever praye

Robert Alway

his

Tho: x Strattan

mark

his

Tho: x burges [or burger]

mark

Martin Kay

his

Tho x Pey

mark

John Pemberton

Tho. Woodroof [?]

his

Ralph x Pey

mark

his

Elias x Pey

mark

Henry Madifon

Richard Giffedge

Daniell Miles

his

William x Dugles

mark

his

Rich x Johns

mark

Jofue Norment

Martin Palmer

Unity West

1697

The 26th of Aprill 1697Worthy S^r

This . . . to Inform you that I have had bread on the fide of my Neck, a
Verry grate Impoft^m [Impoftume], and it is lately broake, foe that now is A hole in my
Neck that a man may put in three of his fingers, the doct^r tells me it will be Verry
daingerous, to goe foe mutch as about the plantation Soe I am affraide I Shall not be
able to appeare on the day perfixt, at towne, I therefore humbly request that you will
pleafe to inform the house of Burgeffes, of the Occation of my abfence from y^e f^d Houfe,
and that they may affhuredly Conclude, that as foone as Ever fhall pleafe god to make
me able, fhall give my true attandance on the house, the Contrary I hope will neither
by you, nor them, be fupposed, S^r Yo^r ffavour herein will Oblige S^r Yo^r Humble Serv

Rodham Kenner

[Addreffed:] To M^r Rob^t Carter Speaker / of the Houfe of Burgeffes / Att James
City; / Thefe, /

1697

Right Worfhip^u & Worthy Gent

This with all due refpect, comes to give you an acc^t of my abfents from the Affembly;
Occationed, by my Wifes; Sicknefs, who is far more likely to dye, then recover, (and I
cannot in Confcience leave her) if pleafe God I fee any probable amendment, in her
ficknefs, fhall not faile imediately to give my Due attendance, till w^{ch} time I hope this
may be a reafonable Excufe, to Gent.

Y^r Moft HumbleServ^t Rich^d HaynieApril 26th 1697

[Addreffed:] To the Right Worfhip^u / m^r Speaker, and other / the Gent of y^e houfe
of / Burgeffes / p^rfent /

1697.

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1697

James City ss

By vertue of his Ex^{ty} Comiffion to us directed, we do hereby Certifie that we have adminiftred y^e oaths prefcribed by Law y^e Teft and y^e oath of a Burgefs to Mr *Thomas Edmondson* returned one of y^e Elected Burgeffes for *Effex* County

Given under our hands y^e 29th of *April* 1697

C. Wormeley
E Jenings.

1697

Octob^r y^e 21th 1697

Gen^t

Nothing lefs than my P^refent condition could prevent me in profecuting my duty with y^e att this time in *James City*: but at P^refent am fo grievoufly afflicted with y^e gout that I can no wife be fervicable to my felf nor Country: but if it please God to grante me a little eafe, if I underftand the Affembly y^e continues I will endeavor to be up in order to my duty with you In mean time I beg yo^r excufes this being what at p^refent offers from

Yo^r moft humble fer^t

John Braffeur

[Addreffed:] to / Mr *Speaker* and y^e Gen^t of the / houfe of Burgeffes / Thefe /

[1697]

To y^e Hon^{ble} Houfe of Burgeffes

W^m Harrifon Humbly fheweth That yo^r Pet^r liveing in Town and Sexton of y^e parifh, hath beñ made acquaint^d by y^e Inhabitants thereof that it is a Generall Cuftom for y^e Sexton of y^e parifh to be DoorKeep^r to y^e f^d Houfe of Burgeffes therefore yo^r Pet^r defire a grant for y^e Same and he in duty bound fhall ever pray

[Endorfed:] *W^m Harrifon* / petition to be a / doorkeeper / rejected /

1697.

To the Right Worppfull m^r Speaker and houfe of Burgeffes

John Hix humbly fheweth

That underftanding there is a vacancy in one of the Door Keepers places, he humbly prays the houfe will be pleafed to confider his p^refent condiçon being low, as to admitt and receive him into the fame; for his better fupport and maintenance and he doth promife humbly to officiate therein with all dilligence and fidelity.

[Endorfed:] *John Hix* pet / to be a door Keep / per / granted 1697 /

[1697]

To the R^t Worpp^u M^r Speaker & Houfe of Burgeffes.

Thomas Drawcuts. humbly fheweth.

That underftanding there is a vacancy in one of the Door keepers places, he humbly prays the houfe will be pleafed fo far to confider his prefent Condition being low, as to admit & receive him into y^e Same; for his better Support & maintenance. And he doth humbly promife to officiate therein with all diligence & fidelity.

[Endorfed:] *Thos. Drawcutts* Pet. / to be a doorkeeper. / rejected. /

[1697]

To the R^t Worpp^u M^r Speaker & Houfe of Burgeffes

Richard Curtein

Humbly fheweth.

That Underftanding there is a Vacancy in one of the door keepers places, he humbly prays the houfe will be pleafed to confider his prefent condition being low as to admit him to y^e fame for his better fupport & maintenance & he doth promife humbly to officiate therein with all diligence & fidelity

[Endorfed:] *Richard Curteins* / pet. to be a door / keeper / rejected /

[1697]

[1697]

*To the R^t Worpⁿ M^r Speaker & House of Burgeffes.**Benoni Burroughes & John Thorowgood now in Custody of the Messenger for their default of not attending the Service of the House.**Humbly pray.*

That they may be admitted to lay before the house the obstructions which have hitherto prevented their attendance, and they doe hope upon hearing thereof, the house will be pleased to order their discharge and admit them to their places.

[1697]

*To the Worshipful M^r Speaker and House of Burgeffes**Alexander Newman**Humbly Sheweth*

That he being a Burgefs for the County of *Richm^d* and having been of late very much afflicted with sickness infomuch that he could not possibly sooner attend the service of the House Humbly prays that this house upon Consideration thereof would be pleased Re-admit him as a member therein

And he shall pray &c

1697

*October The 6th 1697**Accomack ss*

Proposals made by The subscribers being free Houlders In The County aforesaid to be presented By The Burgifes of y^e aforesaid County to the next Assembly: By way of Aggravances

That Wharas muneys Being made of Currant Vallew Is the only And most Convenient Ballance for Carrying on all Trade, and Commerce, And forasmuch as Experience Informeth us that our Naighbouring provinces & Governements by Inhanceing of The Vallue of all foran Quoine, Do Draine and withdraw from This Governement such muneys as by severall opportunity Doth Happen to be Brought amongst us to our Impoverishment and Their Great Advantages

We Tharfore propose That a Certaine Vallew & Advance may be sett not only Upon Dollars but Upon all sorts of foran quoin which may Excede The Vallue of It *Starling*. That Tharby Incouragement may be Given for Importing as well as Keeping the same to circulate and pass plentifully in This Country which would tend much to the Encouragement of All sorts of Artificers & Tradfmen, as well as Dealers & Strangers, who are at present discouraged by Refon and forced (If deale at all) to Do It mostly upon trust and find Ill Payments and Great Difappointments

2^d That Wharas It Is too Evident That Woolves Do Greatly Increase and are very Difftruative to the Increase of most sorts of useful Creturs In This Country. That for the Incouragement of such as would make it their Bufiness & Indevors to Destroye woolves By Pitts & Trapps &c That all such persons may be allowed for Each Woolve Thay shall so take & destroye, at Least 300^{li} Tobacco and that none be allowd (Excepting Indians) but such as shall by oath or Evedence, (If Requird) make It apper to y^e Justis Granting y^e Certificate, That The said woolve or woolves wear Taken in A Trap Pitt or other Invention by them made & prepared for The Taking Woolves as afforfd. and said Rewards to be allowed by y^e Respective Countys at Their Courts of Leveys

*W^m Anderson**Geo. Parker**Edm: Custis**Wm. Dennison**Rob^t Pitt**John Drummond**Edward Moore**Ed: Brotherton**Georg Parker, Sener**P^resented*

Presented to y^e Burgeffes at y^e Courthouse of y^e County *October* the 6th 1697 being the day affigned for the giving in their grievances and attested

¶ *Jn^o Washbourne Cl Cur Com Accom^t*

[Endorfed:] The Grievance / in *accom^t* / County (made / & p^resented to / their Burgeffes / 8^{ber} y^e 6th 1697 / Ref^d / P. B. Cl H Burg / Read & Reported by y^e / Comittee / B F C Com P G /

1697

That whereas several disputes have arisen upon informations brought by informers upon y^e 7th act of assembly made at *James City Septem^{br}* y^e 10th 1663 intituled *an Act for the better discovery of concealed Tithables* whether the fine in y^e Said Act imposed wholly belongs or accrues to the informer by vertue of y^t Law, or whether the halfe of the same according to an act made the Same Session of Affem^{bl^y} intituled *an act informers to have half the fine* which Seemes to be so ambiguous by reason thereof and no method positively set down which y^e Same Should be recovered as is usuall in penal Lawes, and forasmuch as the County where such forfeitures are Recovered Lose y^e benefit of their Levies y^t yeare whereby they are the more burdened their Taxes being thereby increased & therefore ought to have a part of the fine wee humbly propose y^t the Law may be made more plaine and amended as to the Gen^l Affem^{bl^y} shall seem most meet and convenient

[Endorfed:] *Jn^o Washbourne / Rich: Baley, / Proposicon to / y^e next affem^{bl^y} / Octobr^r 26. 1697 / Read & ref^d to y^e Com^{te} / props & Grievs. / P. B. CHB. / Read and Reported / by y^e Committee / B. F. Cl. Com P. G. /*

1697

Accomack County Ss

The grievances of the Inhabitants of the County of Accomack given into their Burgeffes at the Court house Aprill y^e 12th 1697 being the day appointed for the delivery of their grievances to be presented to the next assembly.

Whereas Dollers commonly called Lyon or Dog Dollers have no vallue ascertained whereby they may pass currently amongst the inhabitants of this Country we therefore pray a Law may pass to ascertain at what vallue the Said Dollers may pass currently from man to man for y^e better advancement of trade and commerce.

That Whereas Severall Loofe & vagrant persons, That have not any Setled Residence do too comonly enter themselves Singly and not in any House Keepers List of Tithables—who being So Levied upon for their Taxes—and when the time comes that the Sheriff goes about to collect the publique Dues they abscond and remove from place to place on purpose to defraud the County of their Levies being Sensible that they have no visible Estates by which the Sheriff can make distrests for y^e Same by reason whereof y^e Taxes grow the more burdensome and grievous to the Setled p^rsons of the Inhabitants of the County, the Sheriffs Returning them at the next succeeding levy as p^rsons non-solvent Wee therefore humbly pray that a Law may be made with a proper penalty annexed for the ease of the Said inhabitants on that behalf by findeing such expedient at the discretion of the Worship^l house of Burgeffes for Redress therein to prevent the like mischiefs and inconveniencies for the future.

Taken the 12th day of *April* 1697 and attested

¶ *Jn^o Washbourne Cl Cur Co Accom^t*

Signed in y^e p^resence of *Jn^o Washbourne* Clerk of *Accomack* County Crt by the p^rsons Subscribed

Christopher Thomson

Geo: Nicho Hack

John Cole

William Dennison

Edm: Custis

Edmund Baley [or Bally]

John Morris

Robt. Hutchinson

Georg Parker, Sener

Gervis Buggalle (?)

Henry Custis

Richard . . .

W^m Custis

Tully Robinson

[Endorfed:] *Accom^t* County / Grievances / *Octobr^r* 25. 1697. / Read and Referred to the / Comittee of G & Props. / P. B. Cl H. Burg. / Read & Reported by y^e / committee / B. F. Cl. Com. P. G. /

1697

By Vertue of his Excellys Comiffion to us directed we have adminrd the oaths appointed by Act of Parliam^t to be taken instead of the oaths of allegiance and Supremacy, The Test, and the oath of a Burgefs to M^r *Robert Hubberd* Burgefs return'd for *Warwick County* & M^r *James Cock* Burgefs return'd for *Henrico Cou^t*

Given under our hand y^e 1st day of *Nov^r* 1697

C^r *Wormeleye*
E *Jennings*

1697

James City Ss

By Vertue of his Exc^{ya} Comiffion to us directed, We have administred y^e oaths prescribed by Law y^e Test and y^e oath of a Burgefs to M^r *Philip Ludwell Jun^r*, Burgefs elect & return'd for *James City*. which we certifie under our hands this 27th day of *October* 1697

C^r *Wormeley*
E. *Jennings*

[1697]

To the Worshipfull the speaker and the house of Burgeffes now assembled

Anthony Armistead as one of the members doth most humbly informe this worship^{ll} house that he Could render severall Reasons for the Cause of his absence for three or four dayes as sickness in his family and himselfe But indeed mistaking the 29 for the 21st of *October* was the Chiefe Cause of his non apearance upon the day so fixt therefore desires Admittance.

1697

Tuesday 8th the 26th 1697

By y^e Com^{tee} of Pub: Claimes

This Committee having duly and Maturely Considered Severall of y^e Claims From *Stafford County* made by Divers ~~Persons~~ and thereupon findeing them to arise upon the Mischeifs perpetrated by the Indians in that County and that they doe amount to a very Considerable Sum^m of tobb^o which Said tobb^o by the Laws and Ufuall Customes for defraying the Charges of Criminals hath hitherto been paid by the Countie and not brought upon the Publick untill the Criminalls were Delivered to the Sherr: of *James City* but this being a very Considerable Charge as afore^{sd} and Occation'd by Indians as Enemies to the whole Countrey this Com^{tee} Doe humbly Submitt the Said Claimes to the Consideracon of the house for their dereccon whether they Shall pceed to the Regulacon & allowance of the Same y^e Cheife of them not being regulated nor prov'd in Court, or whether they Shall be disallowed and Defrayed by the County as is Ufuall for other Criminals

Test Miles Cary Cl Com^{tee}

1697

Att a Co^{rt} of Claimes held for *Yorke County* *October* y^e 11th 1697.

P^{sent} His Ma^{ties} Justices

Itt is y^e proposition of M^r *Robt Read* Cap^t *Charles Hanfford* & Cap^t *Willm Buckner* in behalfe of y^e County above^{sa}id, that y^e Worshipfull house of Burgeffes take into Consideration, that Jurymen in all Cafes impannelled & fworne be introduced to their obedience of sumons, by some Encouragem^t to be ascertained

Test Willm Sedgwick D C C Cur

[Endorfed:] proposition of *Yorke / County / Octob^r 25 1697* Read / & pas^d to the Committee of / Griev^s & propositions / P. B. Cl H Burg. / Read & Reported by / y^e Committee / B F Cl Com P G /

[1697]

[1697]

*To the R^t Worpⁿ M^r Speaker and House of Burgeffes**Thomas Hodges & Thomas Mafon being now in custody of the Messenger for not giving their attendance upon the Service of the House.**Humbly pray*

That they may be admitted to lay before the House the respective reasons they have to shew why they could not give their attendance earlier upon hearing of which they hope the House will be pleased to Order their discharge out of Custody and admit them to take their places

1697

*North River O^d. y^e 18 1697**M^r Speaker*

Being under an indisposition my self and having at this time a child in a very dangerous Condition I humbly beg the house will be pleased to Excuse my not Attending at the first meeting and it is my desire as well as intention as soon as God shall be pleased to change my aforefaid Circumstances for y^e better which I hope a little time will affect to wait upon you and the house and by my attendance to discharge the duty incumbent upon

Most Worthy Sir Your most Humble Servant

James Ransone

[Addressed:] To / The r^t Worpⁿ M^r Speaker and / House of Burgeffes / Humbly present /

[1699]

Stafford Ss.

To his Excellency, F— Nicholson Esq^r his Majesties L^t & Govern^r Generall of Virg^a The Hon^{ble} Councell of State The Right Worshipfull M^r Speaker . . & the Worshipfull House of Burgeffes, &c.

WEE, the Inhabitants of *Stafford* County hereto Subscribing Doe offer to our Representatiues this Day Legaly Chosen These following Agreviances

VIZ^t

Imp^{re}—That it Being noe less for the Hon^r of God The Safety of the People That Innocent Blood Inhumanly Spiltt, Should be Justly Revenged, Wee Desire That Bloody Villaine *Esq^r Tomm* a Convict upon Record may be Demanded & brought In by the Emperor of Biscataway who now Entertains him & Protects him from Condigne Punishment.

Rob^t Alexander

his

Edward E. B. Barton

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*Thomas Barton**Giles Vander . . .*

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*John Waugh jun^r**Thos Norman**John Simfon**David Straughan**G. Mafon**Math Thompfon**Rich^d ffofaker**Phillip Buckner**William Williams**Jno: Washington**Robert Collfon*

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*Moses Sinton**Jeames Heaviford**Giles Tillit**Thomas Watts**Richard Cole**Will. Carpenter**J^o Coale**J^o Mafon**W^m Pirkins**ffra: Hackitt**Tho: Prockter**Tho: Stafford**Benjamin Cole**Thomas Owfley*

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Tho x Collins

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This Taken according to Law:

*Teft**Thomas Owfley Clarke of Stafford County*

[Endorfed:] Grievances of *Stafford* County / ab^t the Indians / Read and Reported by the Committee / *Teft* B F C I P & G /

1699

[Copied from "*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*," Vol. 21, pp. 78, 79.]*The Commission of the Clerke of the Gen'll Affembly.**Virginia ss.*

William the third by the Grace of God King of *England Scotland France* and *Ireland* Defender of the faith &c To Gent. Greeting We doe by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Clerk of the Generall Affembly of this our Colony and Dominion hereby giving and granting unto You full power and authority to your own proper use and behoofe to take and receive all Salaries fees and perquisites whatsoever belonging to the Office of the Clerk of the General Affembly of this Our Colony and Dominion with power to execute and enjoy all Trusts Services Rights Members and Appurtenances as to the Said Office are justly and Lawfully belonging in as full and ample manner to all intents and purposes as any other Person heretofore hath or ought to have enjoyed the Same, To have hold execute and enjoy the Said Office during pleasure Witness Our Trusty and well-beloved *Francis Nicholson* Esq'r Our Lieutenant and Governour Generall of *Virginia* at *James-Town* under the Seal of Our Colony this day of 1699 in the Eleventh Yeare of our Reign.

[Journal of the Committee of Revival.]

Wednesday July the 5th 1699

Present

E DWARD HILL, *Mathew Page* Esq'r, of the Councill; *Miles Cary, John Taylor, Anthony Armistead, Henry Duke* and *William Buckner* Gent, Burgeses; *Benjamin Harrison junr & Bartholomew Fowler* Gentlemen, Assistants

The Act entituled *an Act appointing a Committee for the Revivall of the whole body of the Lawes of this his Majesties Collony & Dominion* being read the Committee adjourned till to Morrow morning Seauen a Clock

Thursday July the 6th 1699

Present

E DWARD HILL, *Mathew Page, Benj^a Harrison Senr* Esq'r, of the Councill; *Miles Cary, John Taylor, Robert Beverley, Anthony Armistead, Henry Duke, William Buckner* Gent, Burgeses; and both the Assistants

This day his Excellency the Gouvernor at the Request of the Committee administred unto *Peter Beverley* Clerk of the Committee the Oaths inioyned by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy the Association the Test and the Oath for the due Executing his office in the presence of the Committee the Clerks Oath being in these words

You *Peter Beuerley* as Clerk of the Committee for Revivall of the whole body of the Lawes of this his Maj^{ty} Collony and Dominion Shall Swear that you will faithfully and truly Serue the Said Committee in that office that you will make a True entry and keep an Exact Journall of their proceedings according to their directions that you will keep Secret all their debates which you Shall be Ordered to keep Secret and that in all things according to the best of your Skill and Cusing you will Execute and perform the Said Office

So help you God

Certain Instructions of the Lords Justices of *England* Sent by the R^t hon^{ble} *James Vernon* Esq'r one of his Majesties principle Secretaries of State unto his Excellency *Francis Nicholson* Esq'r the present Gouvernor being laid before the Committee by his Excellency were Read

Ordered

Ordered that the Subject Matter of the Said Instructions be taken into Consideration as the Committee proceeds in Consideration of Matters of the like Nature

An Address to his Excellency for Freedom of Speech and Debate in this Committee being prepared

Ordered That the Clerk have it fairly engrossed against to Morrow Morning in Order to present to his Excellency Mr *William Randolph* Clerk of the house of Burgeffes presented to the Committee a Transcript of Seuerall Matters referred by the house to the Consideration of this Committee which were Read

Ordered That the Seuerall Matters of the Said Transcript be taken into Consideration as the Committee proceeds in the Consideration of Matters of the like Nature

Ordered That the room Next adjoining to the Room where the Committee Sits be forthwith fitted with all Conueniencies for the Keeping the bookes and papers which Shall be Made use of by the Committee

The Committee upon consideration conceiueing it uery Necessary for the better Service of the Committee to haue a door Keeper who should giue his constant Attendance upon the Committee keep the door and be ready on all Occasions to go upon an Errand *John Remumgton* [*Remington*] upon his application was Admitted to that Service And *Ordered* to giue his Attendance Accordingly

and then the Committee adjourned till to morrow morning Six a Clock

Fryday July the 7th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, All the Burgeffes, both the Assistants

The Clerk haueing according to the Order of yesterday presented the Address to his Excellency for Freedom of Speech and debate fairly engrossed euery Member of the Committee Signed the Same being in these words—
To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr his Majesties Liev^t and Gouvernor Generall of Virginia

The Humble Address of the Committee appointed for the Reuifall of the whole body of the lawes of this his Majesties Collony and Dominion

May it Please your Excellency

By Virtue of an Act of the Generall Assembly made at *James City* the 27th day of *Aprill* last wee Are appointed and declared a Committee for the Reuifall of the whole body of the Lawes of this his Majesties Collony and Dominion and for the better enabling us to perform and Accomplish the Said Reuifall *Benjamin Harrison jun^r* and *Bartholomew Fowler* Gentlemen are appointed Assistants from tyme to tyme to attend us as by the Said Act is directed in pursuance of which Said Act and the Trueth thereby repofed in us wee are Now Mett at *James City* together with the Said Assistants to begin and proceed in the Said reuifall

Now for as much as in all affaires of this Nature it is Absolutely Necessary that euery Member concerned therein may haue all freedome of Debate whereby the Knowledge of the Truth and Right may be more Clearly Attained and that euery member of the Said Committee and Assistants may be the better encouraged Chearefully to enter upon and proceed in the Said Reuifall without fear of being thereafter prosecuted or Troubled for any Speeches by them uttered with a True and honest Intent though perhaps Sometimes liable to Misconstructions

Therefore Wee humbly pray Your Excellency that wee who at present are and those who hereafter Shall by Virtue of the Said Act be appointed of the Said Committee together with the present and future Assistants thereto, may at all times in their Meetings and Consultations enjoy all Such liberty and freedome of Speech and debate as is accustomed to be allowed to the Members of the Generall Assembly in their proceedings and Wee do Assure your Excellency that in all our actions wee Will according to the best of our Abillities behaue our Selues as becomes his Majesties most dutifull and Loyall Subjects.

Resolved

Resolved That the Method the Committee will Begin and proceed in towards Reuifall of the lawes be as followeth

first That certaine heads be premised Suitable for ranking the Matter of the Law now in force under

Secondly That the Committee read Thorough the Body of the Lawes as they now Stand and as they read Note the Law under an head Suitable for it

The Committee went to attend his Excellency with their Addrefs for freedom of Speech and debate and being returned Coll^o Hill Reported that his Excellency was pleased to grant the Committee Freedom of Speech according to their Addrefs

Ordered That M^r William Randolph Clerk of the house of Burgeffes haue Notice That this Committee do require his Attendance at the Meeting of the Committee in *August* next to deliuer Such Rolls Bookes and papers out of his office as there may be Occasion of

The Committee desired Coll^o Harrifon a Member of the Committee to Send for the following particulars for the use of the Committee *Viz*^t

Six Rheam of best Sort of writing paper.

four Rheam of large fine Royall paper.

Two gallons of best Recording Ink.

Two Thousand of best dutch Quills

A pound of pounce.

Three pieces of penny ribbon for Sowing papers.

A Demicap paper Booke of Six Quire bound in Vellum and Ruled for Records.

A Demicap Paper booke of ten quire So bound & Ruled.

The New Register Breuium¹¹

Raftalls Entries¹²

The New Book of entries

A book of oathes containeing the Oathes of all the Officers in *England* and haueing Spent the rest of the day in businests about the Capitall.

The Committee adjourned till to Morrow Morning Six a Clock

Saturday July the 8th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes, M^r fowler affittant

Coll^o Hill haueing deleuered to the Committee Seuerall Papers which his Excellency gaue him when the Committee went to Attend him with an addrefs relateing to the Capitall in the prepareing and presenting of which together with an Invoyce of certain Necessaries to be Sent for out of *England* for the Capitall most of this day was Spent [in] the Consideration of the Said papers being *Viz*^t

2 Letters and Maps from *Lawrence Vanden* both to his Excellency

Printed Votes of the house of Representatiues for his Majesties Prouince of *New York* in *America*

Propositions Made by the five Nations of Indians &c and 2 Letters from his Excellency the Earle of *Bellamont* his Majesties Cap^t Generall and Gouvernor in Chief of the Prouince of *New York* &c was referred till' the Committee Should proceed in the Consideration of businests of the like Nature—

and Then the Committee adjourned till the first *Wednesday* in *August* Next

Wednesday

¹¹ A book containing a collection of writs—usually called "Regiftrum Brevium."

¹² "A Collecion of Entrees, of Declarations, &c," by William Raftell (or Raftall), published first in 1566. Writs of entry were very extensively used by the lawyers in colonial Virginia in actions for the recovery of lands. There were many varieties of the writ of entry.

Wednesday August the 2: 1699

Present

THE Council except Coll^o Page, the Burgeffes Except M^r Taylor & M^r Beuerley
The Comittee according to their Refolue at the laft Meeting began to
read ouer the body of the lawes of this Countrey and therein proceeded to
the end of the 33 A^ct of the Printed Lawes¹¹ Entituled *the defendant to put*
in his answer ranking them under proper heads as they went along.

And then adjourned till to Morrow Morning Six a Clock

Thursday August the 3^d 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes except M^r Taylor, both the affiftants
The Comittee from the 33: printed law where they left of yefterday
proceeded in reading to the end of the 60th A^ct of the printed lawes Ent
Comiffioners to take Security of Sheriffs and then adjourned till one of the Clock
afternoone.

Post Meridiem

THE Comittee from the 60th A^ct of the Printed lawes proceeded in reading to
the end of the 91: A^ct pr lawes Ent *diuulgers of false Newes* and then adjourned
till to Morrow Six a Clock

Fryday August the 4th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes, both the Affiftants
The Comittee from the 91 A^ct pr law proceeded in reading to the end of
the Laft A^ct made in the year 1664 Ent *An A^ct concerning arrefts in Court*
times and then Adjourned till' to Morrow Morning Six a'clock

Saturday August the 5th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes, both the Affiftants
The Comittee from the laft A^ct made in the year 1664 proceeded in
reading to the end of the laft A^ct Made in the year 1671 Entituled *an A^ct of*
Naturallization and then adjurned till *Munday* Morning Nine a Clock

Munday August the 7th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes, both the affiftants
The Comittee from the laft A^ct Made in the year 1671 proceeded in
reading to the end of the 5th A^ct Made in the year 1676/7: Ent *an a^ct for the*
Relief of Such loyall perfons as haue Suffered lofs by the late Rebels and then
Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Six a clock

Tuesday

¹¹ The collection referred to as the "Printed Lawes" was probably the laws passed at the 1661/62 session and printed in London in 1662. (See "Journals of the House of Burgeffes of Virginia, 1659/60-1693," p. xlviii, note.)

Tuesday August the 8th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes, both the affittants
The Comittee from the 5th Act Made in the year 1676/7 proceeded in
Reading to the end of the laft Act Made in the year 1686: Ent *an act for*
raifeing a Publick leauy.
And then adjourned till to Morrow Morning Six a Clock

Wednesday August the 9th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes, both the affittants
The Comittee from the laft act Made in the year 1686 proceeded in
Reading to the end of the laft Act made in the year 1695: Ent *an act for raise-*
ing a Publick leuy and then adjourned till' to Morrow Morning Six a Clock

Thursday August the 10th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes, both the Affittants
The Comittee from the Laft Act made in the year 1695 proceeded in
Reading untill they had gone Thorough the whole body of the Lawes the
Tytles of which being Digested. under thirty Nine Seuerall heads the Comittee
agreed to haue the Subject Matter of the Said Lawes Abridged under the Said heads
and thereupon

Ordered Mr *Benjamin Harrifon* Jun^r one of the Affittants to Abridge the Seuerall
Acts with large Margents under these Numbers and Tytlés *Viz* N^o 2 Courts N^o 4 Lands
N^o 6: Juries N^o 7: Prifons N^o 8: Sherriffs N^o 9: Executions N^o 10: Burgeffes N^o 13:
decedents Estates N^o 17: high wayes N^o 19: Attorneys N^o 21: Judgm^{ts} Obligations
Accounts Mr *Bartholomew ffowler* the other Affittant the Seuerall Acts under these
Numbers and Tytlés N^o 1: Church N^o 3: Marriages N^o 12: Tythables N^o 15 Surveyors.
N^o 16: priuate Trespassés N^o 18: tobacco N^o 20 pleas of the Crown N^o 22: Ordinaries
N^o 23 Seruants N^o 24: waifts Strayes N^o 26: Mills N^o 27: hogftealeing N^o 32: Impositions
upon tobaccoe and *Peter Beuerley* Clerk of the Comittee the Seuerall Acts under these
Numbers and Tytlés N^o 11: Publick Creditt and Collectors N^o 25: Coin N^o 28: Ships
and Veffells N^o 29: Indians N^o 30: fees N^o 31: Militia N^o 34: offices and Officers N^o 35:
ports Townes N^o 37: Trade N^o 38: Pyrates &^t N^o 39: deer N^o 36 Wolues and at the Next
Meeting of the Comittee to report their proceedings and So from tyme to tyme as they
proceed therein and then the Comittee Adjourned till the first *Wednesday* in *September*
Next.

Thursday September the 7th 1699

YESTERDAY Collo *Harrifon*, Mr *Carey*, Mr *Duke*, Mr *Buckner* and both the
Affittants met in *James Town* and Attended

This day Mr *Armistead* came to them but in regard there was Not a Suffi-
cient Number of the Councill and that they could Not therefore proceed as a
Comittee and that they had an acco^t Coll^o *Hill* was Not returned from *Accomake* and
that Coll^o *Page* was Sick they thought it not conuenient to tarry any longer togeather
in Expectation of the Comeing of either of them to make up a Comittee at this Meeting

Wednesday

(1523)

Wednesday October the 4th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor* & Mr *Beuerley*, Mr *Benja^a Harrison* Affittant
The Comittee Adjourned till to Morrow Morning eight a Clock

Thursday October the 5th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor*, both the affittants
A Proposition of Mr *Comiffary Blair* for Supplying this Countrey with a Sufficient Number of much better Clergy men then haue ufually come into it and for the Right Setling and good Gouernment of them

And allfo Another propofition of the Said Comiffary for Encourageing the Chrifitian Education of Indian Negro and Malatto Children being Read

Ordered that the Said propofitions be taken into Confideration with the Abridgment of the head of the Church Mr *ffowler* prefented Some Abridgements that he had Made According to Order and the Comittee began with the head relateing to the Church which being read thorough the Comittee Entred upon the Confideration thereof makeing Such Alterations and Additions to the Said head in the margent of the Abridgement as they went a long as they thought proper and haueing Spent the day without finifhing the whole head *Refolued* to proceed to Morrow Morning and Then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Seuen a Clock

Fryday October the 6th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor*, both the affittants
The Comittee According to Order proceeded in Confideration of the head of the Church in the Same Maner as Yefterday and haueing gone thorough the whole Reuifall of the Lawes entred into the Confideration of Mr *Comifary Blaires* propofitions relateing to the Same but haueing Spent the day without finifhing *Refolued* to proceed to Morrow Morning therein and all Such Other Matters as Should be offered on That head

And then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Seuen a Clock

Saturday October the 7th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor*, both the affittants
The Comittee agreed to Refer the further Confideration of the head of the Church yefterday appointed for this Morning till Next *Munday* Morning and then the head N^o 3 Ent *Marriages* was Read & the Comittee took the Same into Immediate Confideration and made Such alterations and Additions thereunto in the Margent of the Abridgement as were thought proper and haueing gone thorough the whole head

Adjourned till *Munday* Morning Eight a Clock

Monday

Munday October the 9th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but M^r *Taylor*, both the affistants
The Committee being Met Coll^o *Hill* Exhibited a Letter which he had receiued
this Morning from Cap^t *Taylor* that gaue him an account of Some Mischiefs
done by Indians and particularly of their haueing Killed One *John Williams* in
Monks Neck upon *Natoway* River and thereupon he and Coll^o *Harrison* acquainting the
Committee that they tooke themelues to be Obliged to make all poffible difpatch towards
the frontiers for the preuention of further Mischiefs

The Committee Adjourned till the first *Wednesday* in *November*

Wedneffday November the first 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but M^r *Taylor*, M^r *ffowler* affistant
The Committee agreed upon a further Claufe to the head of Marriages which
was inferted in the Margent of that head

Maj^r *Lewis Burwell* and M^r *Joseph Ring* appeared and Moued in the Comit-
tee for a further addition into *Hampton* Parifh to make the Tythables four hundred by
takeing Certain Tythables from *Bruton* Parifh Certaine from *Mulberry* Island parifh
and Certaine from *York* parifh which Motion the Committee took into Imediate Confider-
ation and thereupon finding it uery Inconuenient by Meanes of an Alteracon of the
bounds of So many Seuerall Parifhes adhered to their former Refolue of Joyning *Hampton*
and *Martins* hundred parifhes without further Addition or change

Then the Committee proceeded in the Confideration of thofe propofitions which M^r
Comiffary *Blair* made relateing to the head of the Church that were left unconfidered
at the laft Meeting and haueing therein Spent the day and Noted their refolutions in
the Margent of the Said head the Committee Refolued to proceed upon the remaining
part to Morrow Morning and Then adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock

Thurfday November the 2^d 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, All the Burgeffes but M^r *Taylor*, both the Affistants
The Committee proceeded in Confideration of M^r Comiffary *Blayres*
propofitions relateing to the head of the Church And all Other Matters
Relateing to that head and haueing finifhed it and Noted their Refolutions
m^r *Harrison* prefented his Abridgement N^o 2: Ent *Courts*. which was read thorough and
then the Committee Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock.

Fryday November the 3^d 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but M^r *Taylor*, both the Affistants
A Propofition of Coll^o *Hill* and Coll^o *Cary* about fees to the Admiralty
Court &c: was read and referred to be Confidered in a proper time
The Committee Then Entred upon the Confideration of the head of Courts
makeing Such alterations and Additions to the Said head in the Margent of the Abridge-
ment as they went along as were thought proper and haueing Spent the day without
finifhing the Said head Refolued to proceed to Morrow Morning.

And then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock

Saturday

(1525)

Saturday Nouember the 4th 1699

Present

A LL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor*, both the Affittants
The Comittee According to Order proceeded in the Consideration of the
head of Courts makeing Such alterations and Additions to the Said head in
the Margent of the Abridgment as they went along as were thought proper and
haueing Spent the day without finifhing the head Refolued to proceed On *Munday*
Morning

And Then Adjourned till *Munday* Morning Eight a Clock

Munday Nouember the 6th 1699

Present

A LL the Councill, All the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor*, both the Affittants
The Comittee According to Order proceeded in the Consideration of the
head of Courts makeing Such Alterations and Additions to the Said head
in the Margent of the Abridgement as they went along as they Thought
proper and haueing Spent the day without finifhing Refolued to proceed to Morrow
Morning

And Then adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock

Tuesday Nouember the 7th 1699

A LL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor*, both the Affittants
The Comittee According to order proceeded in the Consideration of the
head of Courts makeing Such Alterations And Additions to the Said head in
the Margent of the Abridgement as they went along as were thought proper
and haueing Spent the day without finifhing Refolued to proceed to Morrow Morning
And Then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock

Wedneffday Nouember the 8th 1699

Present

A LL the Councill, All the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor*, both the Affittants
The Comittee According to order proceeded in the Consideration of the
head of Courts makeing Such Alterations and Additions to the Said head
in the Margent of the Abridgment as they went along as were Thought proper
and haueing Spent the day without finifhing the head Refolued to proceed to Morrow
Morning and then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock

Thurfday Nouember the 9th 1699

Present

A LL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but Mr *Taylor*, both the Affittants
The Comittee According to Order proceeded in the Consideration of the
head of Courts makeing Such Alterations And Additions to the Said head in
the Margent of the Abridgement as they went along as were thought proper
and haueing finifhed took into Consideracon Mr Comiffary *Blayres* propofitions for
encourageing the Christian Education of Indian Negro and Mallatto Children which
was Omitted when the Comittee proceeded on the head of the Church and Noted down
their Resolutions in the Margent of the Abridgement of that head.

Then

Then *Peter Beuerley* haueing laid before the Committee Seuerall Abridgements that he had Made the Abridgement of the head N^o 34: Ent *officers and offices* was Read and the Committee took the Same into Immediate Consideration makeing Such alterations and Additions in the Margent of the Abridgement as they went along as were thought proper and when they had gone thorough the whole head

A Motion being made for the Committee to take into their Consideration Some Method for an *habeas Corpus* the Committee Immediately proceeded thereupon and after a long debate and Consideration touching the Same and how farr it is practicable according to the present Constitution of the Courts the Committee being Made Sensible of many Inconueniences which would Ineuitably happen by meanes of the present Constitution of the Generall Court to Obstruct the Benefitt of an *habeas Corpus* were of Opinion that to obuiate those Inconueniences there is an absolute Necessity of appointing Judges of the Generall Court instead of the Gouvernor and Councill and therefore *Resolved*

That Proper Methods for the appointing other Generall Court Judges be taken into Consideration and Accordingly the Committee Entred into the Immediate Consideration of that Subject and therein agreed upon Seuerall Resolutions which were Added to the head of Courts and Spent the rest of the day in busines about the Capitall

The Committee Adjourned till to Morning Eight a Clock

Fryday November the 10th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but M^r *Taylor*, M^r *Harrison* Affittant
The Committee Spent part of the day in busines Relateing to the Capitall
and

Then The Abridgement of the head N^o 25 Ent *Coin* was Read and the Committee took the Same into Immediate Consideration together with what the house of Burgeffes referred to the Consideration of this Committee upon this head makeing Such Alterations And Additions in the Margent of the Abridgement as were Thought proper and haueing finifhed the head

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clock

Saturday November y^e 11th 1699

Present

ALL the Councill, all the Burgeffes but M^r *Duke* & M^r *Taylor*, M^r *Benj^a Harrison* affittant

Ordered that *Peter Beuerley* Clerk of the Committee giue Copies of the Resolutions or any other the proceedings of this Committee to any person that Shall Require and Will pay for the Same.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Committee prepare a Copy of the Journall and all Other the proceedings of this Committee for his Excellency the Gouvernor, with all possible Expedition and that he giue Copies of the Said proceedings or any part of them to No person before the Same be done.

Ordered That M^r *Benj^a Harrison* Jun^r M^r *Bartholemew fowler* and *Peter Beverley* haue liberty to Search the Records of the Assembly office; Secretaries office, or any other office of Record in this Countrey, as they haue Occasion & That Copies be giuen from thence without fee of all Such things they or any of them Shall Require for the better enabling them to performe the busines which is and Shall from tyme to tyme be Comitted to their charge.

Ordered

Ordered that M^r Benj^a Harrison Jun^r draw bills for lawes upon the head of Courts according to the Resolutions Noted under That head and Report at the Committees Next Meeting his proceedings thereupon

Ordered That M^r Bartholomew Fowler draw the bylls for Lawes upon y^e heads Ent^d Church and Marriages according to the Resolutions Noted under Those heads and Report his proceedings thereupon to the Next Meeting of the Committee

Ordered That Peter Beverley draw the bylls for Lawes upon the heads Ent^d officers and offices and Coin according to the Resolutions noted under Those heads and report his proceedings thereupon the Next Meeting of the Committee.

And Then the Committee Adjourned untill the first Wednesday in Aprill Next
a true Copy.

T^{est} Peter Beverley Cl Committee.

[Endorsed:] N^o 17. Virginia / Journal of the Com^{tee} appointed / to revise the Laws,
from y^e 5th of / July, to the 11th of Nov^r 1699 / Referred to in Coll / Nicholson's Lre of y^e /
10th June 1700 / Rec^d 18th July } 1700
Read

[Continuation of the Journal of the Committee of Revival.]

1700

Wednesday Aprill the 3^d 1700

Present

THE Councill except Coll^o Page, All the Burgeffes but M^r Taylor & M^r Armistead.
The Committee adjourned 'till to morrow morning Eight a Clock

Thursday Aprill the 4th 1700

Present

ALL the Councill, All the Burgeffes but M^r Taylor, M^r Bartholomew fowler Affittant.
The Committee Spent the whole day in bufinefs about the Capitoll and adjourned 'till to morrow morning Eight a Clock.

Fryday Aprill the 5th 1700

Present.

ALL the Councill, All the Burgeffes but M^r Taylor, both the Affittants.
M^r Bartholomew fowler Acquainted the Committee with Severall Scruples that arise from his Consideration of the Resolves of the Committee upon the Head of the Church referred to him to prepare a byll upon and moved for their further directions touching the Same and thereupon the Committee entred into Consideration thereof and Agreed.

That the fine for Churchwardens not returneing an Account of the 40 ^s poll to the Secretaries Office, the fine for Vestries misapplying the 40 ^s poll & the profits of the Glebe, And the fine for the Vestries Levying more upon the people then they have a Warrant for by law should be otherwayes disposed then is directed in their former Resolves to wit, 1/3 to the King, 1/3 to the parish and 1/3 to the Informer.

That

That in Cafe any Veftry fhould happen to Vote an Illegall Levy and Any Veftry man fhould not Agree thereunto, the Clerk of the Veftry, fhould be Obliged to Enter Such Veftrymans diffent if he defire it, And that Entry fhall Acquit Such Veftry man from the fine Impofed for Such unlawful Tax.

That any One Juftice of the Peace be impowered to Adminifter the Oathes to Veftry men inftead of two, as is directed by the former Refolve in that Refpect.

And then the Abridgment of the Head N^o 37. prepared and prefented by *Peter Beverley* Ent Trade was Read, And the Committee took the Same into Immediate Confideration, makeing Such alterations and Additions in the Margent of the Abridgment as were thought proper, and when they had gone thorough the whole head,

The Abridgment of the Head N^o 11. Ent. *Publick Credits &c* was Read, and the Committee proceeded upon the Immediat Confideration thereof, and alfo a propofition of M^r *William Buckner* for the better payment of the Publicke Levy with it makeing Such alterations and Additions in the Margent of the Abridgment as they went along, as were thought proper, And haveing finifhed the head,

M^r *Benjamin Harrifon* Acquainted the Committee with Severall Scruples that arife from his Confideration of the Refolves of the Committee upon the Head of Courts referred to him to prepare a byll upon and moved for their further directions touching the Same, and thereupon the Committee Entred into Confideration thereof and Agreed.

That if a Return of *Nulla Bona* be made upon an Attachment againft the eftate of a Councellour or a Sherrif, An Attachment fhall thereupon goe againft the body of Such Councellour or Sherrif.

That a Declaration filed in the Generall Court fhall Oblige the Clerk of that Court to anfwer it without other procefs, And a Declaration filed [in] the County Court Shall Oblige the Sherrif of the County and Clerk of the County Court to anfwer it without other procefs and where the Sherrif is plaintiff either in Generall or County Court, the Procefs fhall be directed to the Coroner, and where the Clerk is plaintiffe, any One of the Court to which he brings his Suit, Shall Signe the Writt.

That all Procefs for the Kings bufinefs, fhall be returneable to the fourth and fifth day of the Generall Court.

And then the Committee Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning Eight a Clocke.

Saturday Aprill the 6th 1700

Prefent

ALL the Councill, All the Burgefles but M^r *Taylor*, both the Affittants.

The Abridgment of the Head N^o 36. Ent. *Wolves*, was Read, And the Committee thereupon took the Same into Immediate confideration, makeing Such Alterations and Additions in the Margent of the Abridgment, as they went along, as were thought proper and haveing finifhed the head

The Abridgment of the head N^o 39. Ent *Dec^r &c^u* was Read and the Comittee Entred upon the Immediate Confideration thereof, and proceeded 'till 'twas finifhed, makeing Such alterations and additions in the Margent of the Abridgment as they went along, as were thought proper, And then Adjourned 'till the firft *Wednesday* in *May* Next.

Thursday May the 2. 1700.

COLLO: *Hill*, Coll^o *Page*, M^r *Cary*, M^r *Duke* and M^r *Buckner* with both the Affittants this day morning met in Town and Stayed together 'till Sunfett but in regard no Other Burgefes came to them and being out of hopes of makeing a Committee at this meeting they thought it not Convenient to attend longer in Expectation, and therefore returned.

a true Copy.

Tef^t. Peter Beverley Cl Com^{te}

[Endorfed:]

¹⁴ This fhould be *Deer*.

[Endorsed:] N^o 5. *Virginia* / Journal of the Com^{tee} appointed to revife / the Laws from the 3^d *April* to y^e 8th *May* / 1700. / Referred to in Coll *Nicholson's* Lre of y^e 1st *Aug^s* 1700 / Rec^d 19th *Oct^r* 1700/

The Continuance of the Abridgement of the Old Lawes, And Resolves of the Committee for Revifeall &c thereupon:—

No. 37. Trade.

Old Law Abridged.

Act 9. 1696.

THAT Every Beef pork and Tarre barrell Shipped off for Exportation or put to Sale in the Countrey fhall hold at leaft thirty gallons.

That Every Cooper or Other perfon that Shall make or fet up any barrell for pork or tarre Or any Other thing of a lefs Gage then thirty gallons and every perfon that Shall Export or put to Sale any barrell of a lefs Gage he or they Shall forfeit and pay for every barrell So made put up Exported or put to Sale, five pounds One Moyety to the King &^t towards the better Support of the Government & Contingent Charges the Other Moyety to him or them that Shall fue for the Same by Action of Debt, bylls, plaint or Information in any Court of Record wherein no Effoign Protection or Wager of Law Shall be Allowed.

That the Juftices of every County Court be Impowered in their Refpective Counties, where in their difcretion it fhall be thought neceffary to appoint packers to pack pork and beef barrells.

That Every Packer may demand and take Six pence for every pork or beef barrell he packs.

That if any packer Shall pack any unwholefome meat, or traff in any barrell or barrells or any meat in any other barrell therof^s this dimenfion and Gage he fhall forfeit for every barrell five pounds to be recovered and divided as aforefaid.

That if any perfon fhall fill up or put to Sale in any barrell as aforefaid, any pitch or tarre, not true made and merchantable or which fhall be mingled with any traff or other thing, then true made pitch or Clean tarre, and be thereof lawfully Convict, he Shall forfeit the Said pitch and tarre & twenty Shillings for every barrell of pitch and ten fhillings for every barrell of tarre So falſely made filled or put to Sale to be recovered with Coſts & divided as aforefaid.

That the County Courts be impowered, where they think it neceffary to appoint a mark to be put by the packers on every barrell & to mark upon the barrells the juſt quantity and Contents of every barrell upon the pain afore Said to be recovered & divided as aforefaid

No. 37. Trade.

Additions and Alterations.

RESOLVED.

That Every barrell of Pork Shall be So packed, as to Containe two hundred and twenty pounds of porke.

That this Act fhall Extend to all perfons that Import porke into this Countrey from *Carolina* or other places for Sale in barrells.

Old

¹⁸ The word "therof" ſhould probably be "then of" (two ſeparate words). The form "then"₂ was in Middle Engliſh and up to the earlier part of the 18th century a variant of "than." Hence the meaning is, that no packer ſhall pack meat in any other barrel than one having the ſtandard dimenſions.

THAT No Sherrif Shall where he receiues tobaccoe of any perfon
Indebted for levies fees and other debts due to himfelfe or other
Officers not paying the whole in kind So that for part he is forced
to make diftreffs, Convert the tobacco in kind to his own or any
Other ufe & force the Countrey Creditor to Accept the diftreffs or Stay—
but all debts due to the Publique Shall be firft paid and the tobacco received
in kind paid to the publicke Creditor.

That the Sherrif that makes default herein fhall be fined 10000 ls of
tob^o to the ufe of the Publique upon proof in any Court of Record in the
Countrey.

Act 8. 1676/7

That the 80th Act of Affembly in the printed book limiting a certain
time when Creditors fhall demand their debts Extend to Sherrifs & other
Collecto^{rs} of the Levies Publique & County.

That all Debtors for Sherrifs or Clerks fees have the benefit of the 2^d
Act 1666. which admits tenders of tobacco to the Creditor.

That if any Sherrif or Collector Seize or diftrain more tobacco then is
due at the time, he Shall make Immediate Satisfaction to the party from
whom he Seizes or the party Shall be allowed to take out his Overplus out
of the hogfhd. Seized.

That no Sherrif or Publick Collector Shall Seize any hogfhd of tobacco
paid away and marked, if there be at that time other Merchantable tobacco
ready in the plantation & tendered by the Debtor.

That the Juftices be Impowered to appoint the Collecto^{rs} of the Pub-
lique and County Levies.

Act 9. 1680.

That the Allowance for Caske for Publique County and Parifh Levies
& Clerks and Sherrifs fees be eight ³/₄ Cent & no more. and the Sherriff and
Collector to allow it to the planter upon penalty of paying for refufeall
One hundred pounds of tobacco to the party grieved & to whom he denies
the allowance, to be recovered on due prooffe by Action of Debt in any Court
of Record or before One Single Juftice of the Peace if the Same Exceeds
not 200 ls of tobaccoe.

Act 2. 1691.

That Conftant Courts be held by the Juftices in Each County at Some
Convenient time before every affembly for proof of Such debts as fhall be
due by law from the Countrey and that Certificates together with a full
Account of all particulars claimed & by what authority and for what Ser-
vices the Same became due be iffued by the Clerk of Each Court Endorfed
upon the Account Claimed and be delivered to the Burgefles of that County
in Order to their Allowance in the Affembly, which proof fhall be made at
leaft by the Oath of the party Claimeing and producing the Warrant or
Certificate by which he Claimes or other Sufficient proof. And that the
Court doe and are injoined Strictly to inſpect and Seriously to Conſider
Every Article of the Account fo Exhibited & regulate the Same according
to law.

And that the Clerk in full of all fees due to him for every perfon that
Claimes and hath Certificate granted be allowed twenty pounds of tobacco
from the Countrey where the Claim amounts to 100 ls tob^o or more & if
under to be done *Ex Officio*.

That all Claimes intending to receive the benefit of this Act make
proof of their Claimes as aforeſaid and return the Same to the firft or
Second Succeeding affembly after the Claimes become due otherwife to
be barred for ever.

That

That Every Sherrif fhall not for the future have from the Countrey any Satisfaction for publick Services more then what is Set down already in the law appointing Sherrifs fees.

That this Act be read & published at every parish Church in Each County by the Sherrif of the County or his Deputy on the *Sunday* next preceding the Court of Claimes and that this Act be Constantly read by the Clerk at the first opening of every Such Court.

Act 5. 1691.

the first part of this Act is abridged under this head in Act 8. 1676/7.

That all Sherrifs & Collectors of Publique County and Parish levies fhall on or before the 31st of *January* yearly produce and present to the Justices where they are Sherrifs or Collectors at Such Convenient time as the said Justices fhall appoint the book of the whole Collection as well publique dues as of all Sherrifs & Clerks fees or private debts put into his hands to Collect, and Collected together with the publick dues together with a true full and perfect Account of the quantity quality and weights of all tobaccos received by him as well for the publick County and Parish as for Sherrifs fees Clerks fees & private debts with a true account from whom the Same was received and where the Same lies, which Said Account is to be delivered upon the Oath of each Sherrif or Collector.

The Justices are impowered and required thoroughly to Examine the Said Accounts in the presence of the Severall Creditors who are to have notice of the time of Examination at the preceding Court and the Said Justices are to Order and Appoint to each of the said Creditors and to the other persons Concerned in Sherrifs and Clerks fees and private debts intermixt in the Said Sherrifs and Collectors book of Accounts their & every of their due part & proportion of the tob. rec^d and accounted for haveing due regard to the quality & Conveniency of the tobacco to the end each person Concerned may haue Equall Right therein.

That no Sherrif or Publique Collector Shall Convert to his own use directly or indirectly any part of the tobacco So received untill the Account be presented Examined and Ordered as aforefaid under the penalty of forfeiting four times the value of Such tobaccos So Converted to his own use 1/3 to their Majesties their heirs & Successors towards the better Support of the Government & Contingent Charges 1/3 to the Governor, & 1/3 to him or them that Shall Sue for the Same in any Court of Record of this Dominion by byll Information plaint or other Action, wherein no Effoign protection or Wager of law fhall be allowed.

That it Shall be Lawfull for the Sherrif and Collector and they and Every of them are required to discount with Every Creditor of the Publick County and parish Levies the full Sum and quantity due to them of the said Levies out of his her or their Levies due from them to the Publique County and Parish without any Allowance for the Same.

That Every Sherriff and Collector fhall be liable to make good all tobaccos received by them if it fhall happen that the Same or any part thereof fhall be rotten unfound insufficient or not merchantable within ten dayes after the Same fhall be Ordered and appointed to the Creditor as before is directed, after which time all the Said tobaccoe Shall lye and be on the Creditors account and hazard.

Nothing herein fhall be Construed to Extend to their Majesties Quitt-rents or other dues but that they be Excepted out of this Act.

Additions

RESOLVED

That for the better payment of the Publique and County Creditors Any Creditor that the Sherrif shall fail to pay. upon his Complaint Shall at *March* Court, have a judgment granted against the Sherrif and his Security without other process or further delay.

That the Sherrif upon his giving good Security to pay and answer the Publick & County Levies to the respective Creditors shall be admitted to be Collector thereof.

That the Sherrif be Obligated to appoint the day for holding a Court of Claimes before Every Assembly.

That the Sherrif shall have Liberty to tender to the Creditor at any time, after the Creditor has had ten dayes notice, that the tobaccoe is ready and refuses to Send to receive the Same.

That the party that drawes the byll consider the Law about Tenders and Adopt a method of Tender for this Occasion.

No. 36. Wolves.

Old law Abridged

Act 1. 1691.

THAT he that killes or destroyes a wolf any wayes shall have 200 l tob^o reward & Cask paid in the County.

That he that does it by pit or traps shall haue 300 l tob^o reward and Cask paid in the County.

That proof be made before the next Justice at least by the parties own Corporall Oath who kills the wolfe or other Sufficient prooffe at the discretion of the Justice how when and where he killed the wolfe.

That the head of the wolfe be brought in, and that the party take from the Justice a Certificate which being produced at the County Court, at proportioning the Levy shall be Sufficient to cause the Said Court to raise the reward for the person.

Act 3. 1696.

That an Indian that kills a Wolf shall haue 100 l tob^o & Caske reward & no more. paid in the County where 'tis done.

That whatever Indian kills a wolfe shall bring in his head to a Justice and by Some proof or Circumstance at the discretion of the Justice make it probably appear how when & where he killed the wolfe and take a Certificate from the Justice. which being produced to the County Court at laying the Levy shall be Sufficient to Cause the Said Court to raise the reward for the Indian. And for prevention of Cheat the Justice upon the least Suspicion of a fraud or its being kill'd in another County, may forbear giving Certificate untill the Indian can bring Sufficient testimony to Convince him that he killed the wolfe in the County where he makes his Claim.

No. 36 Wolves.

Additions and Alterations.

RESOLVED.

That the Rewards for killing of Wolves be paid by the Publick Levy in the County where they are killed.

That the Rewards for killing of Wolves be paid the Indians for all the Wolves they kill on the frontiers, tho without the Inhabitants.

That Certificates from Magistrates for killing of Wolves be carryed to the Court of Claimes, and thence Certifyed to the Assembly, as other publick Claimes.

Old

THAT after the first of *february* ¹⁶⁹⁹/₁₇₀₀. No person shall kill any Deer running wild in the woods or unfenced grounds—between the first of february & last of July in every year.

And if any person Contrary to this Act kill or destroy Deer or buy or receive of any Indian or Other person whatsoever any Deer killed within the time before limited. he being lawfully Convicted Shall for every Deer so killed destroyed bought or received forfeit 500 ls of tobacco $\frac{1}{2}$ to the King to be applied to the use of the parish where the Offence is Committed and haſſe with full Coſts of Suit to him that will sue or Inform for y^e Same by Action of Debt byll plaint or Information in any Court and no Effoign protection or Wager of law to be allowed.

That if any Slave or Servant incapable of paying this penalty Shall of his own accord without the privity of his Maſter M^r or Overſeer kill or destroy any Deer contrary to this Act he ſhall haue on his bare back thirty laſhes well laid on, to be inflicted by Order of Such Juſtice to whom Information of the Same Shall be made upon Oath.

RESOLVED.

That Deer Shall not be killed between the first of *January* and laſt of *July* yearly.

That if any Slave or Servant kill Deer contrary to this Act by the Order or directions of their M^r M^r or Overſeer Such M^r M^r or Overſeer ſhall be liable for the fine by this Act Appointed as if he or She had done the fact

That the Strikeing of fiſh be prohibited between the first of *Aprill* and laſt of *November* yearly under the penalty for killing Deer Contrary to this Act.

a true Copy

Tef^t

Peter Beverley Cl Comte.

1700

Virginia ss

To His Excellency Francis Nicholſon Eſq^r His Maj^{ty} Lieut. and Gourn^r Generall of Virginia, and To His Maj^{ty} Honorable Councill of State

Benjamin Harrifon

Humbly Sheweth

That he being by An Act of the laſt Affembly appointed an Aſſiſtant in the Reviſall of the Laws; hath accordingly had certain allowances made him (in the booke of Claims, by the Houſe of Burgeſſes now fitting) for his attendance on that ſervice; but upon inquiry he is informed that no allowance is made to him for going to, or coming from *James City*, as is allowed the members of the Committee, altho his trouble and Charge was the ſame with many of theirs, and conſequently (as he conceives) the reaſon is the ſame for his being paid.

He humbly preſumes that this differing his allowance from the reſt, may proceed either from inadvertency or miſinformation, and not from any deſign of prejudice to him; but for as much as it is now too late to addreſs the Houſe of Burgeſſes in this behalfe; Therefore He humbly prayes that Your Excellency and Honours will pleaſe to let him be heard concerning the premiſes before the booke of Claims be agreed to, and that ſuch direſcōns may be given therein as ſhall be thought convenient.

B. Harrifon Ju^r

Decemb. 23. 1700.

1700

X^{br} 27th 1700By y^e Council*Amendm^{ts} to be made to y^e Affemblies addrefs to his Maj^{ty}*

In the first line in y^e blank be inferted (yo^r Maj^{ty} Council, and the) in y^e fourth line instead of (Involved) be writt (Engaged) In y^e fifth line the word (And) betwixt (Affemblies & Courts) be left out, And after y^e word (Courts) in y^e same line be added (and y^e Sev^l offices thereto belonging) In the eleventh line after y^e word (for) & betwixt y^t & y^e word (Gouern^r) y^e word (the) be razed, & instead thereof be set (yo^r Maj^{ty}) In y^e fourteenth line after y^e word (Impofition) be set (as it fhall arife) In y^e twenty third line after y^e word (bounty) the words (and Goodnefs) be omitted. In y^e twenty feventh line after y^e word (pleafd) be inferted (In yo^r princely goodnefs) In y^e same line after y^e word (bestow) be inferted (fuch a furñ out of) & y^e words (the ballance of y^e fund raifed from) be wholly omitted. In y^e twenty eighth line after y^e word (hero) be set (as yo^r Maj^{ty} in yo^r royal Grace fhall fee convenient) And these words (which is not converted to any other perticular use) be altogether omitted— In the fifth line from y^e bottom instead of (or any) be set (and what) & y^e word (which) in y^e same line be left out

[Endorfed:] Amendm^{ts} to / Affemblies / Addres to his / Maj^{ty} /

1700

[Copied from the "Virginia Magazine of History and Biography," Vol. 12, pp. 287, 288.]

A Certaine paper Containing severall Grievances signed by the Freeholders of this County was presented by them and Admitted to Record, and ordered that they be tefted by the Clerk of this County Court and sent by the Burgeffes to the next fession of the Gen^l Affemibly.

*Middlefex County Ss.,**October ye 7th, 1700.**To the Right Worshopful the house of Burgeffes of the Colony of Virginia:*

the Freeholders of *Middlefex* County doe present the following Grievances, &c. (Vizt) *first*, That the minifter of the parish of *Christ Church* in this County hath by law a very fufficient falary, being fixteene thoufand pounds of tobacco a yeare, and doe humbly defire that there may not be any greater fallary allowed to the faid minifter, which if there be will be a great oppreffion to the Inhabitants of the faid County; and that the County and parish Continue as it now is Intire and undevided.

2ly. That there be no Circular Judges allowed which will be an oppreffion to the Countrey.

3ly. That noe Negroes be keep at any quarter or plantation without the mafter or *Engliff* overfeer, for when negroes are left to them felves on any plantation gives them oppertunity to Committ many Crymes and thefts.

4ly. That the 4d. ℥ Gallon Impofition be taken of the rum Imported into this Collony, which is a great prejudice to trade.

5ly, That *Spaniff* money may not be exported out of this Collony, but that it may pafs Currently from man to man and that all pieces of eight pafs for five fhillings fpecie.

*James Blaise,
Peter Mountague,
Paul Thilmar,
Richard Daniell,
Richard Kemp,
Henry Nicolls,
Marvell Moseley,
Philip Colbert,*

*John Spears,
W^m Montague,
W^m Kilbel,
Edward Williams,
William Porter,
William Dudley,
William Scarborough,
John Beston,
John Vivion,*

*William Daniell,
John Smith,
Adam Curtis,
Thomas Crank,
Charles Williamfon,
John Hadley,
James Daniell,
Edward Clark.*

At

(1535)

At a Court held for the County of *Middlesex* the 7th day of *October*, 1700.

Produced in Court by the Freeholders whose names are hereunto subscribed and Admitted to record, in order to be sent by the Burgeffes of this County to the next Session of the Gen^l Affembly.

Test: *Edwin Thacker*, Cl. Cur.

(*Middlesex* Records.)

1701

Virginia Sc^t

May 1699

y^e Publicke Dr

To 1 Journey to made to *James Town* from *Stffd* County being 14 dayes - -
July to 1 Journey from *Staf^a* to *James Town* being 11 dayes
Aug^t to 1 Journey from *Stafford* to *James Towne* being 14 Dayes
Oct^r to 1 Journey from *Stafford* to *James Towne* being 22 Days being Stayed by
y^e Govern^r in *James Towne* 6 days being Commanded to goe to
Every Clk Sheriff & Navel Officer thorow y^e *Northren Neck* - - -

1700

Aprill to 1 Journey to *Chotank* 5 Dayes
Aprill to 1 Journey from *Stafford* to *James towne* 10 Days
May to 1 Journey from *Stafford* to *James towne* 15 Days
Aug^t to 1 Journey from *Stafford* to *James towne* 11 Days
to 1 Journey from *Stafford* to *Enoppelus*
Sept^r to 1 Journey from *Stafford* to *James towne* wth *Thos Munk* 15 ds
to 1 Journey to *Chotank* 4 Days
to A Horfe loft in y^e Countrys Sarvifs
to my Expences in y^e Countrys Sarvifs at Ferrys & Ordenarys

William Holt

Aprill - 9 - 1701

Then y^e above said *W^m Holt* Came into Court and made oath to y^e above accot^y y^e fame Is Juft & true: Certificate is therefore Granted him according to law

test *Leon Jarent* Dp Clk

Saturday Aug^t the 23^d 1701

By y^e Comittee for Publick Claimes Rejected as being no Country Charge

Test *Miles Cary* Cl Com^{tee}

[Endorfed:] *Stafford* / *Aug^t* 11th 1701 / Ref^d to y^e Con / fid^r of y^e Comittee / for
Publ Claymes / *P. Beverley* Speak /

1701

Att the Court of Claims Held att *Potomock Town* y^e 2^d *August* 1701

Present His Majesties Justices

The within ac^t was Exhibited in Open Court w^{ch} being approued and allowed of y^e within *Rich^d ffofaker* was Then sworn y^t it was a juft and True ac^t and had recd noe part nor p^{ar}cle thereof Ordered y^t Certificate be granted him according To Law

Wm ffitzhugh Jun^r Cl^k *Staf^a* County

The Publique Dr 1700

To my Trouble and charge in keeping *Tho^s Monke* being Comitted to my charge
as a Prifon^r p^{ar} coll^o *Geo: Mafon* being 23 Days att 30 p^{ar} Day - - - - - 690
To my Horfe for Carrying Him Downe - - - - - 240

930

Richard ffofaker

Saturday Aug^t y^e 23^d 1701

By the Comittee for Public Claimes / Rejected as being no County [Country
Charge /

Test *M Cary* Cl Com^{tee} /

1701

1701

Att y^e Court of Claimes Held att *Potomeck Towne* y^e 2^d *August* 1701
 Present His Maj^{ty} Justices

The within ac^t was Exhibited in Open Court w^{ch} being aproued and allowed of y^e
 within *Sam^l Todd* was then fworne y^t it was a juft and true ac^t and had recd noe part
 nor parcell thereof *Ordered* y^t Certificate be granted him according to Law

Will ffitzhugh Jun^r Clk *Staf^d County*

The Publick D^r 1700

To my horfe being Preffed upon the Publick fervice fixteene days to Carry Downe

y^e Prifon^r *Thomas Monke* 400
Sam^l Todd

Munday Aug^t y^e 25th 1701

By y^e Com^{tee} for pub Claimes: / Rejected as being Conceiv'd no Country / Charge /
Miles Cary Cl. Com. /

[1701]

Virginia ss

*To His Excellency Ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r His Maj^{ty}'s Liev^t and Govern^r Generall of
 Virginia the Hono^{ble} Councill of State & the Right Worship^l M^r Speaker &
 Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes*

George Norfworthy

Most Humbly Sheweth

That Whereas the petition^r having the month of *May* in the year 1700 received a
 Packquett from his Excellency Directed to *Henderson Walker Esq^r* Deputy Govern^r
 of *North Carrolina* with orders likewise to prefs man and horfe for difpatch of the Said
 Packquette being for the Apprehending of the three pirates that made their Efcape out
 of *Princef Anne* Prifon whereupon the Petition^r with great difpatch Sent a man & horfe
 to the Said Deputy Govern^r and brought an anfwer of the receipt of thofe Letters fent
 for which the petition^r hath paid and difburfed out of his own Pockquett the Sume at
 leaft three pounds *Sterling*, and the petition^r Humbly conceiving that all perfons who
 were at any charge in the Appending of the faid Pirats was paid & Sattisfied out of
 Impositions laid upon Liquors, therefore the Pet^r humbly pray's an allowance of this
 Hono^{ble} Generall Affembly Accordingly And the petition^r as in Duty bound Shall
 ever pray &c

Geō Norfworthy

1702

The Bill for y^e continuing, meeting & fitting of Gen^l Affemblys in cafe of the death
 or demife of his Maty his heirs and fucceffors, is agreed to by the Council with the
 following amendmets and alterations.

In the 8th Line inftead of the word (and) be inferted the word (or)

In the 9th line after the word (called) and before the word (by) be inferted thefe
 following words To witt [under the authority of his Maty K. W^m the 3^d his heirs and
 fucceffors]

In the 10th line after the word [chiefly] and before the word (of) in the 11th Line, be
 inferted the following words [by & with the advice & confent of the Council of State
 of this his Matys Colony & dominion or by the Prefid^t & Council for y^e time being]
 and that the 10th & 11th Lines & to y^e word [fhall] in the 12th, to be left out.

That in the 18th Line (or) be left out. And after the word [chief] in fd Line be
 inferted [Prefident & Council] and that the words [by and with the advice & confent
 of fuch Council of State as aforefd] in the 18 & 19th Lines, be left out

Page 2^d Thefe

In Line 4 (or) be left out. And after the word [chief] in y^e fd 4th line be inferted
 before the word [in] the words (or Prefid^t and Council]

In

In y^e 5th line after y^e word (he) add (all day) and in y^e end of the same line the word [by his Commiffion] to be left out.

In y^e 11th after y^e word (w^{ch}) infert the following words (they might lawfully do or pafs during the life of the King or Queen for y^e time beeing be valid to all intents & purpofes in Law, altho the same happen to be acted after the death of the fd King or Queen, and before the notification thereof by the Government in this Colony & Dominion] and that from y^e word [w^{ch}] in y^e 11th line & y^e 12 and 13th Line be left out.

That in line 19th after (Chief) add (or Prefid^t & Council) & leave out the words (by & with y^e advice & confent of the Council of State]

And in y^e 22^d line the word (or) to be left out. And the words (or prefid^t & Council) to be inferted after the word [chief]

And in y^e 23^d Line after the word (he) add (or they)

That this prefent Gen^l Affembly and any other Gen^l Affembly w^{ch} fhall be fummoned & called under the authority of his Maty K. W^m the 3^d his heirs or Succeffors by the Governor Liev^t Governor or Commander in chief by and with the advice & confent of the Council of State of this his Matys Colony and Dominion or by the Prefident & Council for y^e time being, fhall not determine &c

2 The words (by & with the advice & confent of fuch Council of State) to be left out here or by the prefid^t & Council for the time being 3 or prefid^t &c 4 he or they 5 the w^{ds} (by his Comon) to be left out 6 In the Clause ab^t the Council. To infert all acts w^{ch} they myght lawfully do

[Endorfed:] Councils amendments to y^e bill / for the continuing meeting & fitting / of Gen^l Affemblys in cafe of the / death or demife of his Maty his / heirs & fucceffors / 19 May 1702 /

1702

Collonel W^m Baffett who by the Sherif of *New Kent* County is returned a Burgefs for the fd County having prefented to us the Writt for Election of a Burgefs and the return thereof, and we being Commiffionated to adminifter the Oaths appointed by act of parliamt to be taken inftead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy the Teft, Affociation and y^e Oath of a Burgefs to new elected members of this prefent Gen^l Affembly: We accordingly tendered the Oath aforefd &c to the fd Coll^o W^m Baffett who returned this following anfwer Viz "I have Already in feveral qualifications testified my allegiance to King *Williams* Governm^t by taking the Oaths &c but I am now informed and fully Satisfied he is dead, and therefore I think myfelf obliged both in prudence & Confcience to decline taking y^e Oaths to him at this time" which is certified by *E Jennings J Lightfoot*

May y^e 22 1702

[Endorfed:] Coll^o *Jennings* and / Coll^o *Lightfoot*'s report / on tending of Oaths to Coll / *Baffett* & M^r W^m *Byrd* / 1702 /

1702

The Bill to Prevent Mafters of Ships or Veffels runing away after Embargos are laid, is agreed to, by the Hon^{ble} Council with the following amendments and additions Viz

In the 2^d Sheet & 2^d Line after the word [given] to add [by the Government for] and leave out the word [in] immediately following.

In the s^d 2^d Sheet 3^d Line, after the word [Fleets] and before the word [Provided] to add this following Clause viz

"And whereas feveral Ships and Veffels already entered and now under Embargo have not given Bond according to the intent of this Act: Be it further Enacted by the authority

authority aforefaid, that the Mafters of all fuch Ships or Veffels fhall give Bond at his or their Clearing to the Naval Officer of the Diftrict where fuch Ship or Veffel lyes, to performe the condition, by this act enjoyned."

By ord^r of the Hon^{ble} Council

Will Robert Cl Gen^l Affembly

May the 28th 1702

[Endorfed:] Councils amendment to the bill / to prevent M^{rs} of fhips &c runing / away after Embargos are laid / May 28th 1702 /

1703

Anne R

Trufty and Well beloved, We greet you well.

Whereas feveral Inconveniencies have arifen to Our Government in the Plantations, by Gifts and Prefents made to Our Governors, by the General Affemblys, We have thought fit hereby to fignify Our exprefs Will and Pleafure that neither You Our Governour, nor any Governour, Lieutenant Governour, Commander in Chief, or Prefident of the Council of Our Colony of *Virginia* for the time being, do give Your or their Conſent to the Paſſing any Law or Act for any Gift or Prefent to be made to you, or them by the Affembly; and that neither you, nor they do receive any Gift or Prefent from the Affembly, or others, on any Account, or in any manner whatfoever, upon pain of Our higheſt diſpleafure, and of being recalled from that Our Government.

And We do further direct and require, that this Declaration of Our Royal Will and Pleafure be Communicated to the Affembly at their firſt Meeting after your Receipt hereof, and Entred in the Regiſters of Our Council . . . all Perſons whom it may concern may govern themſelves accordingly. So We bid You Farewell. Given at Our Court at *S^t James's* the 20th day of *April* 1703 In the Second Year of Our Reign

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By her Maj. command

Nottingham.

[Endorfed:] Queen *Ann* / *Apl.* 20th / Copy^d *W R* /

1705

May it Pleaſe y^r Excellency & Hon^{rs}

Having (as I though myſelf in duty bound) Reſolved to Return my moſt Humble thanks to y^e R^t Worſhipfull the Houſe of Burg^s for the Bounty they were pleaſed to allow to me for my Attendance as Chaplaine, not to have done the ſame to yo^r Ex^{cy} & Hon^{rs} for concurring wth them in ſo generous and charitable a Reſolution, had been a moſt prepoſterous Omiſſion. w^{ch} Dutyfull acknowledgement I moſt Humbly begg may be accepted of as a Teſtimony of y^e Juſt Sence I have of the Obliga^{on} you have laid upon me, and of the unfeigned prayers I ſhall allwayes make for a continued bleſſing upon all yo^r Conſulta^{ons}.

Yo^r Ex^{cy}s & Hon^{rs} moſt humble and moſt devoted ſervant

Solomon Whateley

May y^e 12th 1705

[Addreſſed:] To / His Excellency the Hon^{ble} *Francis Nicholſon* Eſq^r / her Maj^{ties} Liev^t & Gov^r Gen^l of *Virg^a* and / the Hon^{ble} Council of State / Humbly Prefent /

1705

His Excell^{cy} and the Council do agree to the Congratulatory Addreſs to her Majeſty prepared by the Houſe of Burgeſſes with the following Additions

In the 2^d line after the word [Subjects] ſtrike out [the] and infer [Yo^r Matys Govern^r Council and]

In the 13th line after [*Hockſtet*] & before [w^{ch}] infer [obtained by the fforges of yo^r Majeſty & yo^r Allyes under the conduct of His Grace the Valiant Duke of *Marlborough*]

At

At the end of the 17th Line after [invincible] add. [we pray leave likewise to congratulate yo^r Majefty upon the taking of *Gibraltar* by yo^r Majefty's fforces, and the Victory obtain'd by Yo^r Majefties ffleet under y^e command of S^r *George Rooke* over the french in the *Mediterranean*]

[Endorfed:] Amendments to y^e addrefs to y^e Queen / May 11th 1705 /

[1705]

The Council Agree to the Bill Entituled *an Act concerning the Nanfiatico & other Indians*, with the following amendmts to w^{ch} they defire the Concurrence of the Houfe of Burgefles

In the 1st fheet

In the 4th Line after the word [therein] Leave out to the word [Be] in the 11th Line and in ftead thereof, Infert this following Claufe

“And forafmuch as by the 8th Act of Affembly made at *James City* the 20th of “*October* 1665 Entituled *An act concerning Indians*, It is Enacted that if any *Englishman* “be murdered the next Town of Indians fhall be anfwerable for it, with their Lives or “Libertys, which faid Act is revived and reinforced by the 14th Act of the Gen^l Affembly “held at *James City* the 8th day of *June* 1680. And there being ftrong prefumptions “that the other Indians of the faid Nation of *Nanfiaticos*, were confenting or privy to “the aforefaid murther, and it being alfo well known by fatal experience that the “Indians in general are a people of revengeful tempers, never forgetting what they “apprehend to be injurys; and more efpecially the faid *Nanfiatico* Indians having been “always Suspected to keep a Clofe correfpondence with the *Pifcataways* and other “fforreign Indians that have lately difturbed the Inhabitants of this Government: “Therefore for prevention of the dangers that may happen to this Colony & Dominion “if the 1st *Nanfiatico* Indians fhould be left at liberty to act their Revenge, as alfo for “detering the other Tributary Indians from committing the like horrid & execrable “murders

In the 14th Line, after the word [age] Leave out the word [Be] and before the word [bound] Infert [fhall be adjudged of what ages they are by the Governor & Council, and by their direction]

In y^e 23^d line after y^e word [to] & before the word [fome] infert [*England* or] & in y^e fame line after [there] & before [fold] infert [bound or]

In the 27th Line after the word [his] & before the word [executors] infert [or her]

In the 2^d fheet

In the 22^d Line after the word [them] & before the word [by] infert [except the old Indian man named *Madox Will*, & y^e woman named *Betty*, who are hereby declared to be fet at Liberty];

In the fame Line after y^e word [to] & before the word [fome] infert [*England* or]

In the 23^d Line after the word [there] & before y^e word [fold] infert [bound or]

By ord^r of the hon^{ble} Council

Wil Robertson Cl Gen Affembly

[Endorfed:] Amendm^t to y^e bill / concerning y^e *Nanfiatico* &c /

1705

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Ent An Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco, and for regulating the Size of Tobacco hogfheads.

1 1st page At the end of the 4th line, after the word [grow] infert this provifo Viz

Provided that where any perfon or perfons fhall entruff his or their plantaçon or plantaçons & the fervants or flaves thereon to the management of an Overfeer being a Freeman, the Owner of fuch plantaçon, Servants & Slaves fhall not be lyable to profecution

¹⁰ In the margin of the original oppofite this amendment is written the following: “the Council recedes from this amendmt.”

cution for any breach of this Act, but such Overseer tending or causing or suffering to be tended any Seconds shal incur the said penalty of five hundred pounds of tobacco for every Tithable person that shal be employed that year upon the plantacon under his charge where such Seconds shal grow as aforesaid.

2 In y^e same page, 9th line, after the word [Seconds] and before the word [or] insert [ground leaves]

3 In y^e 10th line, instead of [twelve hundred] insert [one thousand]

4 Instead of the next paragraph between the 10th and 16th lines exclusive insert this Clause Viz

And be it also Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon Complaint of the false package of any hogsh^d of Tobacco made to any Justice of peace of the Quorum in the County where the offence shal be committed, the said Justice is hereby authorized and required forthwith to call to his assistance two other Justices of the peace of the same County to meet at such convenient time and place as he shal appoint, and also by warrant under his hand directed to the next Constable or such other person as he shal think fitt, to cause the person complained ag^t to be brought before him & the f^d other Justices to answer the f^d Complaint: Which three Justices being mett as aforesaid are hereby authorized & empowered to hear the allegations of both partys, and to take the Examinacions of such witnesses as shal be brought before them, and if they see cause for further enquiry to appoint two or three men of the neighbourhood who are reputed skilfull planters to search and view the said hogsh^d, and to make Report upon Oath how they find y^e same, and whether in their opinion it be fairly packd as this Act directs. And upon due proof made of the false package of any hogsh^d of Tobacco, either by Witnesses, or upon report of the persons appointed to view the same as aforesaid, to award Judgment and execution for the penalty by this Act enjoined, any law custom or usage to y^e contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

5 2^d page. In y^e 15th line in stead of [Bouge] insert [head]

6 In y^e same line instead of [thirty fix] insert [thirty]

7 In the 16th line after the word [Diameter] strike out to the end of the 22^d line in the 3^d page, and instead thereof insert, as follows

And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby Enacted that all and every Cooper and Coopers or other persons intending to set up tobacco hogsh^{ds} do go before a Justice of the peace for the County where he dwells, and make Oath that he shal not willingly nor wittingly set up any tobacco hogsh^{ds} of a larger Size than is herein directed, and also to tare or caused to be tared with a marking Iron or branding Iron every tobacco hogsh^d that by him shal be set up with the true weight thereof on the Bulge and head of the hogsh^d, together with the first letter of his proper name and Surname, and shal take a Certificate from the f^d Justice of such Oath so made. And if any person or persons shal employ any Negro, Mulatto, or other Servant in making tobacco hogsh^{ds} Such employer shal go before a Justice of the peace for the County where he or she dwells and make Oath that he or she so employing the said Negro, Mulatto, or other Servant shal not willingly nor wittingly suffer or permitt any tobacco hh^{ds} to be set up for them of a larger Size than is herein directed, but shall use their utmost endeavors to prevent y^e same. And also that what hogsh^{ds} by such Negro, Mulatto or other Servant shal be made or set up for him or her shal be tared, and y^e 2 first letters of his or her proper name and Surname set thereon in manner aforesaid, and shal also take a Certificate from y^e said Justice of such Oath made.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid and it is hereby Enacted that if any Cooper, Coopers, or any other person or persons set up tobacco Cask contrary to this Act or shal pay away, put to sale, or put or cause to be put on board any Boat, Sloop, Ship, or other Vessell in order to Exportacion any tobacco whatsoever packed in Cask of a greater Size than is herein before Exprest and set down or that is made of unseasoned timber or staves thinner than before directed or that is not tared with their just weight as before in this Act is enjoined or shal presume to set the Tare upon any hogsh^d

hoghd before Oath made & a Certificate obtained as aforefd such Cooper or Coopers other perfon or perfons if free & if not y^e Imployer fhall for every tob^o hhd fo made paid away put to Sale or Shipped forfeit & pay y^e fum^e of five hundred pounds of tobacco, one moiety of all the fines & forfeitures in this Act before mentioned fhall be to our Sovereign Lady y^e Queen her heirs & Successors for and towards y^e better Support of this Governm^t & y^e Contingent charges thereof & y^e other moiety to him or them y^t will sue or inform for y^e fame. And whereas it is very doubtfull y^t this Act will not have a due Effect unles a more Speedy way of execution be provided for than y^e Ordinary way of procefs doth admitt of be it Enacted by y^e Authority aforefd & it is hereby Enacted y^t it fhall and may be lawfull for any one or more Juftice or Juftices of y^e peace of y^e County where fuch hogfhead or hogfheads (not made according to ye aforefd Size or not made of feafoned timber or not lawfully tared as aforefd) fhall be made fhipp^d off or put to Sale out of Court time to hear Judge & Determine & to award execution upon the breach of this Act, wth Juftice or Juftices of y^e peace is & are hereby impowered & required forthwith upon Compl^t made to him them or any of them of y^e breach of this Act in all or any part of it to Ifsue forth his or their Warrant to y^e next Conftable or in cafe of his Abfence or remote habitation to fuch perfon as he fhall think fitt to bring y^e party complained againft before him them or any of them & upon due proof by two pofitive Evidences of y^e breach of this Act in all or any part of it to pafs Judgment & in cafe of non payment by y^e party condemned to award Execution thereof to the Sheriff of y^e County or his under officer who is hereby empowered & required forthwith to levy y^e Same by Diftreffs or otherwife as in Cafes of Judgments recovered in any of y^e Courts of Record.

And be it further Enacted y^t there fhall be 3 days between y^e Serving of y^e warrant Ifsued by y^e Juftice or Juftices of y^e peace or leaving a Copy thereof at y^e houfe or place of Refidence of y^e party complained againft & y^e day of appearance. And in cafe y^e party fo Summoned fhall faile to appear, y^e faid Juftice or Juftices of y^e peace are hereby notwithstanding thereof to proceed to Tryal & upon due proof as aforefaid pafs Judgment as if y^e party were actually prefent & to award fuch Execution as is herein before Expreft (unles y^e faid Juftice or Juftices fhall fee juft caufe to delay y^e Tryal till a further time) any Law Cufdom or ufage to y^e contrary hereof in any wife notwithstanding

8 In the 4th page 4th line after the word [Cask] leave out to the end of the 6th line.

9 At the end of the 10th line infert the following Claufe

Provided alfo y^t this Act nor anything herein contained fhall be conftrued or Intended to refrain or prohibit any perfon or perfons from freeighting or Shipping of their own Tob^o in hhds of a Lawfull Size altho y^e hhds be not tared, nor any Oath made thereto according to this act, y^e fireighter or fireighters Owner or Owners of y^e f^d Tobacco neither directly nor indirectly expofing y^e Same to Sale in y^e Country

By order of the hon^{ble} Council

Wil Robertson Cl Gen Affembly.

November y^e 22^d 1705

[Endorfed:] Councils amendments to the bill / for improving y^e Staple of / Tobacco November 1705 /

[1705]

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Entituled An Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco, and for regulating the Size of Tobacco Hogfheads.

11th page At the end of the 4th Line, after the word [grow] infert this proviso Viz Provided that where any perfon or perfons fhall entruf^t his or their plantaçon or plantaçons & the Servants and Slaves thereon to the management of an Overfeer being a Freeman, the Owner of fuch plantaçon, Servants & Slaves fhall not be lyable to profecution for any breach of this Act, but fuch Overfeer tending or caufing or fuffering to be
tended

tended any Seconds shall incur the said penalty of five hundred pounds of tobacco for every tithable person that shall be employed that year upon the plantaçon under his charge where such Seconds shall grow as aforesd.

In y^e same page, 9th line, after the word [Seconds] and before the word [or] insert [ground leaves]

In the 10th line, instead of [twelve hundred] insert [one thousand]

Instead of the next paragraph between the 10th & 16th lines exclusive Insert this Clause Viz

And be it also Enacted by the authority afores, that upon Complaint made to any Justice of the peace of the Quorum concerning the false package of Tobacco, it shall & may be lawfull for such Justice to call to his assistance any two Justices of the peace in y^e Same County where the offence shall be committed, to cause to be Summoned the person Complained ag^t to appear before the said three Justices to answer the said Compl^t, which f^d three Justices of the peace are hereby authorized and impowered to hear & determine the said Compl^t and upon proof made that y^e f^d tobacco is not fairly packd as this act directs to award judgem^t and execution for the penalty aforementioned any law, statute or usage to y^e contrary hereof notwithstanding.

In the 2^d page, 15th line Instead of [bougé] insert [head]

In y^e same Line Instead of [thirty six] insert [thirty]

In y^e 16th line, after the word Diameter strike out to y^e end of the 4th line in the 3^d page and at y^e end of the 4th line insert this Clause

And be it further Enacted that all and every Cooper & Coopers or other persons intending to set up Tob^o hhd^s do go before a Justice of peace of the County where he dwells and make Oath that he shall not willingly or wittingly set up any tobacco hhd^s of a larger size than is herein directed, and also to tare or cause to be tared with a branding Iron as aforesaid every tobo hhd that by him shall be set up with the true Weight thereof on the Bulge and head of the hhd together with the first letters of his proper name & Surname, and shall take a Certificate from y^e f^d Justice of such Oath so made and if any person or persons shall employ any Negro, Mulatto or other Servant in making tobacco hoghd^s Such Employer shall go before a Justice of the peace for the County where he or she dwells and make Oath that he or she so employing the said Negro Mulatto or other Serv^t shall not willingly or wittingly suffer or permitt any tobo hhd^s to be set up for them of a larger size than is herein directed, but shall use their utmost endeavors to prevent y^e same and also that what hoghd^s by such Negro Mulatto or other servant shall be made & set up for him or her shall be tared and y^e two first letters of his or her proper name & Surname set thereon in manner afores^d and shall also take a Certificate from the f^d Justice of such Oath made, and]

In ye 3d page 17th line after [thinner] insert [or of a larger size]

In ye same Line Instead of [150] insert [five hundred]

In y^e 18th line strike out [to y^e Informer]

In y^e same line instead of [a Justice] insert [one or more Justices]

In y^e 20th line after the word [hewed] insert [and of the exact size]

In ye 21st line instead of [150] insert [500] and strike out [to the Informers]

In y^e 22^d line Instead of [a Justice] insert [one or more Justices] & at y^e end of y^e same line insert in manner hereafter mentioned And be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid that it shall & may be lawfull for any one or more Justice or Justices of the peace of the County where such hhd or hhd^s (not made according to y^e afores^d size or not lawfully tared & branded as afores^d) shall be made ship^d off or put to sale, out of Court time to heare judge and determine & to award execution upon the breach of this act Which Justice or Justices of the peace is and are hereby impowered and required

In y^e 2^d sheet, 2^d line after y^e word [cofts] strike out to y^e end of the 4th line And instead thereof Insert [upon Compl^t made to any two Justices of the peace in the County where such hhd or hhd^s shall be made paid away put to sale or ship^d as afores^d. Which two Justices

Justices are hereby empowered & req^d forthwith to issue forth his or their warrant to y^e next Conftable or in cafe of his abfence or remote habita^{on} to fuch perfon as he fhall think fitt to bring the pty complained ag^t before him them or any of them and upon due proof by 2 pofitive Evidences of the breach of this a^{ct} in manner aforef^d to pafs judgement & in cafe of nonpayment by the pty condemned to award execution to the fherrif of the County or his under officer who is hereby empowered & required forthwith to Levy the fame by diftreffs or otherwife as in cafes of Judgem^{ts} recovered in any of the Courts of Record And be it further Enacted that there fhall be 3 days between the ferving of the warr^{ts} to be iffued by the Juftice or Juftices of the peace purfuant to the dire^{ct}ions in this a^{ct} before mentioned or leaving copy thereof at y^e houfe or place of refidence of the party compl^d ag^t, & the day of appearance And in cafe the pty fo fummon^d fhall fail to appear the f^d Juftice or Juftices of the peace are notwithstanding thereof to proceed to trial, and upon the proof as aforef^d pafs Judgem^t as if the party were a^{ct}ually prefent and to award fuch execution as is herein before Expreffed unlefs the f^d Juftice or Juftices fhall fee juft caufe to delay the Trial till further time, any law, cuftom or uſage to ye contrary hereof in anywife notwithstanding.

In y^e laſt page at y^e end of y^e 6th line infer this proviſo

Provided always that this a^{ct} nor anything herein contained fhall be conftrued or intended to refrain or prohibite any perfon or perfons from freighting or ſhipping of their own tobacco in hh^{ds} of a lawfull fize, although the hogfh^{ds} be not tared, nor any oath made thereto, according to this a^{ct}, the ffreighter or freighters Owner or Owners of y^e f^d tobacco neither directly nor indire^{ct}ly expoſing y^e fame to fale in the Country.

1705

To the hon^{ble} Gen^l Affembly

Miles Cary W^m Buckner & W^m Robertſon Attorneys of Coll^o Francis Nicholſon

Humbly ſhew

That y^e f^d Coll^o *Nicholſon* while Governor here did procure the favour of her Majeſty to beſtow her Royal picture, and arms to be ſet up in the Capitol That for the paſſing of orders of Council and other warrants, and for defraying the charges in puting the ſaid picture and arms on Ship board the ſaid Governor *Nicholſon* by M^r *Thraile* his ſollicitor expended the Sum of Eleven pounds thirteen ſhillings *ft* as by an acco^t herewith produced may appear

Wherefore the ſaid Attorneys in behalf of the f^d Coll^o *Nicholſon* pray that the ſaid Sum of Eleven pounds thirteen ſhillings *ft* may be repaid to the ſaid Coll^o *Nicholſon*, it being paid by him for the publick Service of this Country.

And the pet^r fhall ever pray &c

[Endorſed:] Pet of Coll^o *Nicholſons* / Attorneys / Nov^r 2^d 1705 / By y^e Council / Referred to y^e confideracon / of the houſe of Burg^s / *Wil Robertſon* Cl G. Afs. / November y^e 3 1705 / By y^e houſe of Burgeſſes / Referred to y^e Com^{tee} of Claims / *Will Randolph* Cl H B / rejected as being no / Country Charge /

[Paper accompanying.]

F N *An account of the Charges for Obtaining the Queen's Picture and Queen's Armes, with two carved guilt frames for her Maj^{ties} Province of Virginia*

1702/3

March 5	For an order of Councell for the Picture	£ 2. 12. 6
	p ^d for a Coppy to Com ^{rs} of Trade	5.
	For Ditto for Queen's Armes to L ^d <i>Marſhall</i>	2. 12. 6
	p ^d for a Coppy to Com ^{rs} of Trade	5.

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Ap: 20:	For y ^e L ^d Chamberlaines 3 Warr ^{ts} to S ^r G: Kneller L ^d Montague & her Maj ^{ties} Frame maker	2. 3.
	p ^d Clerks Fees	15.
	p ^d Chamber Keeper	2. 6
June 9 th	p ^d Fees at Treafury for Counter Signeing L ^d Chamberlains Warr ^t for Q. Armes &c: Ent ^d	17. 6
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p ^d M ^r John Thraile		£ 11 13. 0

[1705]

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Entituled an Act concerning the granting, Seating and planting and for fettling the Titles and bounds of Lands, and for preventing unlawful Shooting and Ranging thereupon.

1st Page—2^d line after the word [Enacted] infert [& declared]

1st page—3^d line. after y^e word [fame] and before y^e word [that] infert [that all and every perfon male or female imported and coming into this Colony and Dominion free, has a right to fifty acres of Land, and every Chriftian Servant Male or female imported after he or fhe becomes free or time of Servitude is expired has a right to fifty acres of Land for his or her importation, and every perfon coming into this Colony and importing a wife or children under age, hath a right to fifty acres of Land for himfelf, his wife, & every fuch child fo imported, and Certificate thereof fhall be granted to every fuch free perfon, and Mafter of a family demanding the fame, and to every fervant after fuch their freedom in manner & forme as is by this act hereafter directed. And that no perfon or perfons by virtue of fuch importation fhall hereafter claim any Right to Land other than the perfons fo imported as aforefaid, or thofe to whom they fhall affign their Right in the prefence of two witneffes, any Law ufage or Cuftome to the contrary in any wife notwithstanding.

Provided always that nothing herein contained fhall be conftrued to give a right to any Factor, Mafter of a Ship, or other Seafaring man not fettling him or themfelves and becoming Tithable in the Country to claim or take up any Land by colour of his or their importaçon, nor to any perfon whatfoever to claim a right for his importaçon more than once.

And be it Enacted by the authority aforefaid]

4th page.—At y^e end of the firft Line, add [And be it Enacted by the authority aforefaid that it fhall & may be lawful for any perfon upon producing Rights by importaçon or otherwife to claim or take up any q^{uity} of land not exceeding 500 acres in one traët & that there fhall not hereafter be granted to any perfon or perfons, not being Owner or Owners of five tithable Servants or Slaves, at leaft, any greater quantity of Land in one Traët than five hundred acres. But if any perfon or perfons being Owner or Owners of five or more tithable Servants or Slaves fhall be defirous to take up land upon Certificate of Rights obtained as aforefaid, there fhall be granted unto fuch perfon or perfons over and above the faid five hundred acres, the quantity of two hundred acres more for every tithable Servant or Slave w^{ch} he or they fhall prove him or themfelves to be Owners of, Provided that no Grant of Land to any perfon whatfoever fhall exceed four thoufand acres in one Patent.

Excepting always, fuch Traëts of Land for w^{ch} Entrys are already made, and for which Rights have been duly entered with the Surveyor before the making of this Act, all w^{ch} Traëts fo entered for fhall be granted to the perfons by whom y^e f^d Entrys were made, in y^e fame manner as the fame might have been granted before the making hereof]

19th

19th page. 3^d Line. after the word [granted] and before the word [to] insert [in the same manner and under y^e same restrictions as is directed for the granting of Lands not before patented, allowing always the first choice of any part of the f^d forfeited Lands] In y^e same line after y^e word [the] and before the word [petitioner] insert [first]

5th line after y^e word [land] insert [as shal be proportionable to y^e number of tithable Servants or Slaves whereof he or she is owner and the residue of y^e f^d forfeited Lands (if any be) shal be granted to such other person or persons as shal petition for y^e same he, she or they producing Rights and making manifest the number of tithable Servants or Slaves whereof he, she, or they are Owners proportionable to the quantity of Land claimed.] and let the rest of that paragraph Viz from y^e word [Land] to y^e end of the 7th Line be expunged.

29th page 5th line after the word [indented] insert [not sealed]

6th Line after y^e word [Expressed] insert [and some have taken assignments for Lands only endorsed on the patents]

30th page 13th line after y^e word [indented] add [or sealed]

14th line after y^e word [Expressed] add [and all assignments endorsed or patents]

31st page. 3^d line after y^e word [indented] add [& Sealed]

4th line. after y^e word [down] add [& as if y^e f^d Assignments had been made & the lands therein mentioned Conveyed in due forme of Law]

41st page 10th Line after y^e word [allowed] add [provided always that upon any Informaçon brought or suit commenced ag^t any Justice of the peace, Vestryman or Church warden for the breach of this act, if the Defend^t or Defend^{ts} shal give sufficient evidence to the Court where such Informaçon or Suit shal be depending that he was necessarily absent from such Court or Vestry; or that being there he offered to do his duty in pursuance of this act, then the Informaçon or Suit Shal be dismist.

. . . . Strike out from the word [incurred] to y^e end of y^e 6th line in y^e next page

42 pag at y^e end of the 10th Line add [provided that such processionings be made by the consent of the Owners of y^e f^d Land respectively.]

43^d page 2^d Line. after the word [Tenements] insert [or fish or fowl in any Creeks or waters included within the Lands]

4th Line after the word [hunting] insert [fishing fowling]

13th Line, after the word [hunting] insert [fishing fowling]

44th page, At y^e end of the 3^d Line, add [fishing fowling]

By order of the hon^{ble} Council

Wil Robertson Cl Genl Assembly

[1705]

Amendments proposed by y^e Council to the Bill intituled an act concerning Servants and Slaves.

1st Sheat 2^d page 4th line after the word [Majesty] and before the word [shall] insert [and all negros and others that can make due proof of their being free in *England* or any other Christian Country, before they were shipped in order to transportaçon heither.

After the end of the 6th line, add [and be it enacted by the Authority afores^d & it is hereby enacted y^t if any person or persons shall hereafter import into this Colony and here sell as a Slave any person or persons y^t shall have been a free man in any Christian Country Island, or plantaçon, Such Importer and Seller as afores^d shall forfeit & pay to y^e party from whom the said Free man shall recover his freedom double y^e sum for which the said Free man was sold to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Colony according to the Course of the Common Law, wherein y^e Defendant shall not be admitted to plead in bar, any act or Statute for Limitation of actions.

Provided always y^t a Slaves being in *England* shall not be sufficient to discharge him of his Slavery, without other proof of his being manumitted there.

16th line after y^e word [made] fstrike out to the end of the line & infert [within fix months after fuch whipping]

3^d Sheet 1st page. Strike out from the beginning to y^e Word [and] after the word [be] in y^e fecond line.

11th Line Strike out from y^e Word [fhall] to y^e word [become] in y^e beginning of y^e 12th Line.

2^d page 2^d Line after y^e word [Servant] & before the word [fifteen] infert [Viz to every male Servant ten bushells of Indian Corn, thirty Shillings in money or the value thereof in goods & one well fix'd mufq^t or fuzee of y^e Value of twenty Shillings at leaft & to every Woman Serv^t

4th Sheet 1st page: at y^e End of y^e 16th Line add [after y^e Rate of one month and a half for every hundred pounds of Tobacco]

2^d page, 2^d line after y^e Word [fhall] and before the Word [Serve] infert [for every fuch offense]

3^d line after the Word [Mulatto] & before the Word [fhe] infert [for every fuch offense]

5th Sheet 1st page 16th Line, after y^e Word [Court] Strike out to y^e end of y^e first line in y^e next page, and inftead thereof infert [be committed to prifon, & there remaine during y^e Space of fix months without baile or maine prize, & fhall forfeit & pay ten pounds Current money of *Virginia* to y^e ufe of the parifh as aforefaid.

8th Sheet 2^d page. 15th line after y^e Word [committed] Strike out to y^e Word [and] after y^e word [difburfem^{ts}] in y^e laft line.

10th Sheet 1st page. 2^d line after y^e Word [day] Strike out y^e Word [in] & inftead thereof infert [at y^e Doer of]

3^d Line after y^e word [the] at y^e Begining, Strike out to y^e Word [Reader] & inftead thereof infert [parifh Clerk or] & in y^e fame Line inftead of y^e Word [Service] infert [Worfhip]

5th line, inftead of y^e Word [in] at the begining, infert [at]

At y^e end of y^e 8th Line add [and if any Slave y^t hath run away & lyen out as aforf^d fhall be apprehended by y^e Sherif or any other perfon, upon y^e applica^{on} of the Owner of the f^d Slave, it fhall and may be lawfull for the County Court to order fuch punifhment to y^e f^d Slave either by difmembring or any other way, not touching his life, as they in their difcretion fhall fee fitt, for y^e reclaiming any fuch incorrigible Slave and terrifying others from the like practices]

2^d page. 4th Line inftead of [minifter] infert [Parifh Clerk]

5th Line. after y^e word [annually] fstrike out to y^e word [every] in the 6th Line, and inftead thereof infert [after Sermon or Divine fervice is ended at y^e door of]

6th Line. At y^e end of this Line add [the Sherif of each County fhall at y^e next Court held for y^e County after y^e laft day of *february* yearly publifh this a^{ct} at y^e door of y^e Court houfe, and every Sherif making default herein fhall forfeit and pay fix hundred pounds of tobacco, one half to her Majefty her heirs & fucceffors for and towards y^e Support of y^e Government & y^e other half to y^e Informer]

8th Line. Strike out to y^e word [making] and inftead thereof infert [and every Parifh Clerk or Reader]

By order of the hon^{ble} Council

Wil Robertfon Cl Gen Affembly

1706

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Entituled an A^{ct} concerning marriages

1st Sheet. 2^d page 5th line, after the word [Colony] and before y^e word [and] infert [Provided always, and be it enacted by the authority aforefaid that where any Parifh or parifhes have not a Minifter, it fhall and may be Lawfull for the Clerk or Reader to publifh y^e Banes of Matrimony between any perfons defiring the fame, and if no Objec-
tion

tion be made to grant a Certificate thereof, and such Certificate shal be as sufficient for any Minister to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony as if the same had been signed according to the directions herein beforementioned. And be it also Enacted that if any Minister, Clerk or Reader shal grant a false Certificate, he shal suffer one years imprisonment without Bail or Main-prize, and be fined five hundred pounds *Sterling* and shal also be lyable to further punishment as in case of forgery.

4th Sheet. 1st page 13th Line after the word [paid] and before y^e word [ready] infert [in] and after y^e word [ready] strike out y^e word [down] and in stead thereof infert [money] 14th Line, after y^e word [tobacco] and before y^e word [and] infert [of the growth of the parish where the *feme* lives]

At y^e end of the 16th Line, add [And be it Enacted by the authority aforefaid and it is hereby Enacted that if the Bridegroom live out of the County where the Licence is granted or if the the Clerk of the County Court making out such Licence shal have ground to suspect that the person taking out such Licence intends to remove out of the County before the time of payment of the aforef^d Dues, or is insolvent, the said Clerk is hereby impowered and required in such Case to demand and take a Bond of every such person or persons with good security in the county to pay all fees accruing due by reason of such Licence at such time and in such manner as is herein before directed, and upon refusal of paym^t the said fees shal and may be Levied on the Estate of the security by distres as aforef^d

By order of the hon^{ble} Council

Wil Robertson Cl Gen Assembly

[Endorfed:] Amendment to the bill / concerning marriages / 1706¹⁶ /

1706

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Entituled an Act for the regulacon and Settlement of Ferrys, and for dispatch of publick Expreffes.

3^d pag: 7th line at y^e end, add [At *Williamsburgh* from *Princefs Anne* Port to *Hog Island* for a man two shillings and sixpence, for a man & horfe four shillings.]

9th line, at y^e end, add [from *John Goodales* to *Williams's neck* or *Drummond's neck* for a man three pence three farthings, for a man & horfe seven pence half penny.]

5th pag: 5th line, at y^e end, add [from *Queen Mary's* port at *Williamsburgh* to *Claybank* Creek in *Glocester* County, the price for a man two shillings and six pence.] From *Capt Matthews's* to *Cappahosack* the price for a man fifteen pence, for a man & horfe two shillings & six pence.]

8th line at y^e end add [from *Cappahosack* to *Capt Matthews's* Landing or *Skimino* Creek the price for a man fifteen pence for a man & horfe two shillings and six pence.]

6th pag: 4 lin: Strike out from y^e beginning to y^e word [for] and instead of [five] infert [four]

5. lin: Strike out [Six pence]

6. lin. instead of [five] infert [four]

9th page 1st line after y^e word [any] infert [other]

2^d line after the word [same] infert [Except half of the fee allowed by Law to the Govern^r]

Test. Wil Robertson Cl Gen Assembly

[Endorfed:] Amendm^{ts} to y^e bill for / ferrys / 1706 /

1706

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Ent^d an Act for prevention of misunderstanding between the Tributary Indians and other her Maj^{ties} Subjects of this Colony & Dominion and for a free & open trade with all Indians whatsoever.

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* The session of the General Assembly at which this bill was introduced began in 1705. It was the session at which the revival of the laws was perfected, and it extended, after a long recess, far into 1706. Hence where papers of this session are endorfed "1706," that year, and not 1705, is used as the session date, though, strictly speaking, there was no session of 1706, but a session of 1705 running over into 1706.

2^d page. 3^d Line after y^e word [whatsoever] insert [And be it further Enacted by the authority afore^d that if any persons (other than the Indians & their posterity) shal from & after the publication of this Act presume to purchase or obtain any Deed or Conveyance in fee, or any Lease for years, from any of the Tributary Indians, of any Lands, Tenem^{ts}, or hereditaments laid out or appropriated, or now actually possessed or justly claimed & pretended to by the s^d Indians, or shal occupy or tend any of y^e said Lands by permission of the said Indians or otherwise, every person or persons so offending and being thereof lawfully convicted in any Court of Record within this Colony shal forfeit & pay the sum of ten shillings current money for every acre of Land so purchased leased or occupied One moiety whereof to our Sovereign Lady the Queen her heir's & successors for and towards the better Support of the Governm^t of this her Maj^{ties} Colony & Dominion & y^e Contingent charges thereof, and the other Moiety to y^e Informer to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or Information, wherein no Effoign, protection or Wager of Law shal be allowed.]

5th page at y^e end of the 8th Line add [Provided always and be it Enacted by the authority afore^d that if any person or persons shal after the publication of this Act sell or offer to sale any Rum or Brandy within any Town of the Tributary Indians, or to any Indian within three miles of such Town, every such person or persons so offending and being thereof lawfully convicted before any Justice of the peace of the County where the offence shal be committed, shal forfeit and pay ten shillings current money for every quart of Rum or brandy so sold or offered to sale as afore^d, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity, One moiety of w^{ch} fines shal be to her Majesty her heirs & Successors for & towards the support of the Governm^t of this Colony & y^e Contingent charges thereof & y^e other Moiety to the Informer.]

Last page. 18th Line, after the word [act] insert [except one Act made at a General Assembly held by prorogation the 18th day of April 1705, Entitled *an Act concerning y^e Nansiatico & other Indians*]

Test Wil Robertson Cl Gen Assembly

[Endorsed:] Amendm^{ts} to y^e bill for preventing / misunderstandings with y^e Indians / 1706 /

[1706]

Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill Ent^d an Act to prevent Indians hunting and ranging upon patented Lands

2^d pag: Strike out from the beginning of the 13th Line to the word [or] in the 14th Line 15th Line [strike out from y^e word [ranging] to y^e end of the 16th Line, and in stead thereof insert [as heretofore they have been accustomed to do]

Test Wil Robertson Cl Gen^l Assembly

[Endorsed:] Amend^{ts} to y^e bill to prevent Indians hunting &c

1706

May the 13th 1706

By the House of Burgeffes

The Amendments proposed by the Counsel to the bill entitled *An Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco and for regulating the Size and Tare of Tobacco hogheads*, being considered by this house

The first Second and third Am^{ts} being severally read are agreed to

The fourth amendment being read is disagree to

The fifth and Sixth amendments being severally read are agreed to

The Seventh amendment being read is agreed to with these amendments to witt; after y^e word [same] at the end of y^e 11th line 3^d Side (in y^e amendm^{ts}) insert these words [to be recovered with costs by action of debt bill plaint or information in any Court of

Record

Record in this her Majestys Colony and Dominion wherein no effoign protection or wager of Law [shall be allowed] and then leave out all the remaining part of that amendment.

The 8th amendment being read is disagreed to

The ninth amendment being read is agreed to

Test William Randolph Cl: Ho: Burg^s

May 17th 1706

By the Council

Resolved

That the Council will not insift on so much of their amendm^{ts} to the Bill Ent^d *an Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco and for regulating the Size and Tare of Tobacco hh^{ds}*, as are disagreed to by the house of Burgeffes

Test Wil Robertson Cl Gen Assembly

[Endorsed:] Burg^s Amendm^{ts} to y^e bill / for improving y^e Staple of / Tobacco May 1706 /

1706

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Entitled an Act for the effectual Suppreffion of vice and restraint and punishment of blasphemous wicked and dissolute perfons.

1. 4th page & 1st Line. in ftead of [twenty one] insert [fifteen]

2. —3^d Line. in ftead of [two moneths] insert [one moneth]

3. 5th page.—4th Line after y^e word [convicted] Strike out to y^e word [by] in y^e 6th Line

4. At y^e end of the 19th Line add [And be it further Enacted that if any Justice of the peace shal wilfully and wittingly ommitt the performance of his duty in y^e execution of this act, he shal forfeit y^e sum of fourty shillings current money the one Moiety to y^e use of the Informer to be recovered by action, Suit, bill or plaint in any Court of Record within this Colony wherein no effoign, protection or Wager of Law shal be allowed nor anymore than one Impar lance

And the other Moiety to the use hereafter mentioned.]

5 Last page.—At y^e end of the 3^d Line add [And be it further Enacted by the authority aforefaid that this Act shal be publickly read two severall times in the year in all parish Churches & Chappels within this Colony by the Minister, Clerk or Reader of each parish immediatly after divine Service. That is to say on the first or second *Sunday in April* and on the first or second *Sunday in September* under the penalty of twenty shillings for every such ommiffion & neglect; and the Churchwardens of every parish are hereby required to provide a copy of this Act at y^e charge of the parish.

Provided always that nothing herein contained shal be construed to exempt any Clergyman within this Colony who shal be guilty of any of the Crimes herein before mentioned from such further punishment as might have been inflicted on him for y^e same before the making of this act, anything herein contained to y^e contrary notwithstanding]

Test Wil Robertson Cl Gen Assembly.

Munday June the 10th 1706

By the house of Burgeffes

The amendments propofed by the Council to the bill entitled *An Act for the effectual Suppreffion of vice and restraint and punishment of blasphemous wicked and dissolute perfons* being considered by this house

The first and fourth amendments are disagreed to

The other amendments are agreed to

Test William Randolph Cl Ho Burg^s

1706

1706

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Entitled an Act continuing the Act directing the building the Capitol and the City of Williamfburg with additions

At y^e end of the Bill, Let the following Claufes be added.

And be it alfo Enacted that the four Lotts Or half acres w^{ch} at the firft laying out of the Land for y^e f^d City were laid out & appropriated for the Buildings then erected on y^e fame by *Benj^a Harrifon jun^r Efqr* fhall remain & continue to y^e ufe of y^e f^d *Benj^a Harrifon* his heirs & affigns & fhall not Lapfe for want of other building thereon any-thing in this act to y^e contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas by the death, removal out of the Country or into remote parts of feveral of the perfons nominated Directors in y^e afore recited Act, and the refufal of others to concern themfelves therein, the powers and authoritys to them granted have not been fo fully executed as was intended; and it being neceffary for the better regulating and ordering the Building of the faid City of *Williamfburgh*, that a competent number of Directors be appointed and continued to infpect y^e fame, Be it therefore Enacted by the authority aforefaid and it is hereby Enacted that His Excellency *Edward Nott Efqr* her Maj^{ties} Lievtenant and Governor Gen^l of *Virginia*, *Edmund Jenings Philip Ludwell, William Byrd & Benj^a Harrifon jun^r Efqr^s Henry Tyler, David Bray, Frederick Jones, Archibald Blair, Chicheley Corbin Thacker & William Robertfon Gent* or any five or more of them be and they are hereby authorized and impowered by the name of the Directors for the Settlement and encouragement of the City of *Williamfburgh* from time to time and at all times hereafter untill ye faid City fhall be erected into a Corporation in manner afore mentioned, to Direct and order the laying out of y^e Lotts and order the laying out of y^e Lotts and Streets of the faid City where the bounds & marks thereof are worneout, to lay out a convenient fpace of ground for y^e Church yard, to enlarge the Market place, and to alter any of the Streets or Lanes thereof where y^e fame are found inconvenient, and alfo to fettle and eftablifh fuch Rules and Orders for y^e more regular and orderly building of the Houfes in ye faid City as to them fhall feem beft and moft convenient. Provided always that the Main Street called *Duke of Glocefter Street*, extending from the Capitol to y^e utmoft Limits of the City Weftward till it joins on y^e Land belonging to y^e Colledge fhall not hereafter be altered either in the courfe or Dimenfions thereof.

And be it further enacted that in cafe of the death, removal out of the Country or other legal defability of any one or more of the Directors before named, it fhall and may be Lawful for the furviving or remaining Directors from time to time to elect and choofe fo many other perfons in the room of thefe fo dead or removed as fhall make up the number of ten, Which Directors fo chofen fhall be to all intents & purpofes vefted with y^e fame power as any other in this act particularly nominated and appointed.

Teft Wil Robertfon Cl Gen Affembly.

[Endorfed:] Amendm^{ts} to y^e bill for / building y^e City of *W^mfburgh* / 1706 /

1707

At the Court at *Kenfington* the 25th of *January* 1707
Prefent.

The Queens moft Excellent Ma^{ty}, His Roy^l Highnefs Prince *George* of *Denmark*, Lord *Chancellor*, Lord *Treafurer*, Lord *Preſident*, Lord *Privy Seal*, Lord *Steward*, Duke of *Somerſett*, Earl of *Sunderland*, M^r Sec^{ry} *Harley*.

Whereas by Commiſſion under the Great Seal of *England* the Governor, Council, and Affembly of Her Ma^{ty}s Colony of *Virginia* have been Authorized, and Impowered to Make Conſtitute and Ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances for the Publick Peace, Welfare and Good Government of the faid Colony which are to be Tranſmitted to Her Ma^{ty} for Her Royall Approbation or Difallowance of them.—

And

And Whereas in pursuance of the said Powers a Law past in the said Colony in 1705: has been Transmitted the Title whereof is as follows, viz^t

An Act for raising a Publick Revenue for the better Support of the Government of this Her Ma^{ty}s Colony and Dominion of Virginia and for ascertaining the Sallary of the Councill.

Which said Law having been perused and well Considered by the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, And presented by their Lordships to this Board with their humble Opinion That the said Act be Repealed; Her Ma^{ty} having this day taken the same into Consideration is Graciously pleased with the Advice of Her Privy Councill to Declare Her Difallowance and Disapprobation of the said Act, And pursuant to Her Ma^{ty}s Royall Pleasure thereupon, the said Act is hereby Repealed and Declared void and of none Effect.

Edward Southwell

[Written on last page of the order:] Rec^d y^e 20th June 1708 /

[Endorfed:] Queens Order Repealing / the Act for raising a publick / Revenue &c / 25 Jan^{ry} 1707/8 / Read in Council 22^d June / 1708 /

1708

At the Court at S^t James's the 1st of Aprill 1708.

Present,

The Queens most Excellent Majesty, Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Duke of Somersfett, Earl of Derby, Earl of Sunderland, Earl of Cholmondeley, Earl of Seafeld, Mr. Bertie, Mr. Secretary Boyle, Mr. Vice Chamberlain, Lord Cheif Justice Trevor, S^r Thomas Mansell, S^r Charles Hedges, Mr Vernon, Mr How, Lieut Gen^l Erle.

Whereas by Commiffion under the Great Seal of England the Governour Councill and Affembly of Her Majestys Colony and Dominion of Virginia, are Empowered to make, Constitute, and Ordain, Laws, Statutes and Ordinances for the Publick Peace, Welfare and good Government of the said Colony and Dominion: Which Laws, Statutes and Ordinances are to be as near as conveniently may be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdome, and are to be transmitted to Her Ma^{ty} for Her Royall Approbation or Difallowance of them: And Whereas in pursuance of the said Power, An Act was lately passed in the said Colony and Dominion, Entituled Viz^t *An Act for Improving the Staple, and for Regulating the Size of Tobacco-Hogsheads.* Which said Law having been perused and considered by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, and by them presented to this Board with their humble Opinion That the same be Confirmed; Her Ma^{ty} thereupon is Graciously pleased with the advice of Her Privy Councill to Declare Her Approbation of the said Law; and pursuant to Her Ma^{ty}s Royal Pleasure thereupon, the said Law is hereby Confirmed, finally Enacted and Ratified accordingly

Chris: Mufgrave

[Written on the page on which the order ends:] Virg^a Rec^d / 13th July 1708 / E J /

[Endorfed:] Order of the Queen in Council Confirming the / Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco / 1st April 1708 / Read in Council 29 July 1708 /

1710

By vertue of a Commiffion from the hon^{ble} The Liev^t Governor We have administred the Oaths appointed by act of parliament to be taken in stead of the Oaths of allegiance & Supremacy the abjuration Oath, the Test and Oath of a Burgefs to Nicholas Curle Gent returned a Burgefs for this Affembly. Given under our hands this 26th day of October 1710

Phill: Ludwell

John Lewis

[Endorfed:] Certificate That / M^r Curl had taken / the Oaths. /

[1710]

[1710]

*To the Worshipth M^r Speaker & house of Burgeffes**Michael Archer**Humbly Sheweth*

That he hath in Severall Things Served the laft House of Burgeffes & M^r *Randolph* their Clerk by Writeing & Transcribing Severall of their proceedings & Buſineſs. And being Informed this House will have Occaſion for a Clerk to the Committee of Propoſitions & Greivances he Humbly Offers his Service in hopes that he may Give full Satisfaccon in ſuch Office or place

And he fhall ever pray

[1710]

*To the Right Worſhipfull M^r Speaker and the Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeffes**Thomas Eldridge**Humbly Sheweth,*

That the Clerks place of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances is vacant; and therefore humbly moves that he may be Admitted to Officiate as Clerck of the ſaid Committee.

And he as in duty bound fhall ever pray &c:

[1710]

*To the R^t Worſhipfull Speaker & Worſhipfull houſe of Burgeffes**The petition of Rich^d farrell Sheweth*

That yo^r Petion^r is inform^d that there wants Severall Perſons to attend this Affembly as Dorekeepers and humbly offers himſelfe as one and hopes to bee admitted & hee fhall Pray &c

[Endorſed:] *farrells* Petiçon to be Dore Keeper

1710

Purfuant to an Order of the Houſe of Burgeffes of this day, You are hereby required forthwith to take into your Cuſtody M^r *Joſeph Foſter* Sheriff of *New Kent* County and Cauſe him to Appear before the houſe to amend his Return on the Writt for Election of Burgeffes for the ſaid County. Given under my hand this 27th day of *October* 1710

Peter Beverley Speaker

To M^r *Thomas Cowles Jun^r* Meſſinger to the Houſe of Burgeffes.

[Endorſed:] Warrant to take / the Sheriff of *New / Kent* /

1710

To the Right Worſhipfull the Speaker and Burgeffes now Affembled

Francis Ballard of the County of Elizabeth City Gen^t in Moſt humble Manner Sheweth

That at the time of Election of Burgeffes to ſerve In this preſent Affembly for the ſaid County *Anthony Armiftead* ſheriffe of the ſaid County, Did reſuſe to Adminiſter to the Electors, the Oath preſcribed to be taken by them by an act of Affembly, in that caſe made and provided and inſtead thereof did adminiſter another Oath

That the ſaid Sherriſſe did then Reſſuſe to admitt, Severall freeholders of the ſaid County to Vote for your petitioner, and Did admitt Seuerall perſons not freeholders, to Vote for *William Armiftead* Gen^t and did Deny Your Pet^r Copy of the pole

That Your Pet^r being Elected one of the Burgeffes to ſerve in this affembly for the ſaid County the ſaid Sherriſſe did make Returne of the ſaid *William Armiftead* When hee ought to have Returned Your Pet^r

Therefore

Therefore he humbly prayes to bee heard by his Councel concerning the primeffes and to have Such releif therein as to this Worshipfull Houfe shall feem Juft

Fra Ballard

[Endorfed:] M^r *Ballards* / petition / *Fryday Oðob^r 27th / 1710* / By y^e houfe of Burg^s / Referd to the / Com^{tee} of Elections / and priviledges / *T W R C H B / Fryday Oðob^r 27th 1710* / By y^e Com^{tee} of Elec: & Privⁱ / Refer'd til *munday* / morning for y^e Pet^r to / p^duce his Evidences to / prove his Complaint / *M Cary Cl Com^{tee} /*

1710

To The Hon^{ble} M^r Speaker & Houfe of Burgeffes

Thomas Parker

In all humble manner complains of the Return of Sheriff of *Charles City* County upon y^e writt for y^e Election of Burgeffes for the faid County, In that the pet^r conceives that by a due Examination of faid Poll it will appear he had the fecond Vote at y^e fd Election, & ought to be returned Burgefs for y^e faid County in ftead of Coll. *Littlebury Epps* whom y^e fd Sheriff has returned one of the Burgeffes on y^e fd writt—

The pet^r therefor^e humbly prays that y^e fame may be examined by this hon^{ble} houfe, & that Right be done to him thereon

And fhall pray &c

The perfons hereunder named viz^t *W^m Parrifh, Tho: Pointer, Will Hord, Tho Blanks, Hatley, Tho Cock, James Manders, Edward Cock, Jeffry Mumford, Rob^t Crews, Tho: Murrell, James Gun, Jn^e Turrentine* were all feverally poled for Cap^t *Joseph Harwood* and Cap^t *Samuel Harwood* before they gave their Poll for y^e fd *Littlebury Epps* as by y^e Copies of y^e poll hereunto annexed will appear, fo that y^e fd 13 being taken from 52 y^e number of y^e poll taken for y^e *Littlebury* there remains but 39. whereas y^e number of y^e poll taken for y^e pet^r is 44.

Tho: Parker

[Endorfed:] M^r *Parker's* petⁿ / *Fryday Oðob^r 27th / 1710* / By the houfe of / Burgeffes Referd to / the Com^{tee} of Election / and Priviledges / *T. W R C H B / Fryday Oðob^r 27 / 1710* / By y^e Com^{tee} of Elec / tions & Priviledge / Confidered & Reported / *M Cary Cl Com^{tee} /*

1710

An Act to prevent the deftroying and murdering of Baftard Childrenⁿ

Whereas feveral Lewd Women that have been delivered of Baftard children, to avoid their Shame, and to efcape punifhment, do fecretly bury or conceal the death of their children, and after, if the Child be found dead the faid Women do alledge, that the faid Child was borne dead; whereas it falleth out sometimes (although hardly it is to be proved) that the f^d Child or Children were murdered by the faid women, their Lewd mothers or by their affent or procurement: For preventing therefore of this great mifchief Be it Enacted by the Lievtenant Governor, Council, and Burgeffes of this prefent General Affembly and it is hereby Enacted by the authority of the fame, That if any woman after one moneth next enfuing the end of this prefent Seffion of Affembly, be delivered of any iffue of her body, male or Female, which being borne alive, fhould by Law be a baftard, and that fhe endeavour privately, either by drowning, or fecret burying thereof, or any other way, either by herfelf, or the procuring of others, fo to conceal the death thereof, as that it may not come to light, whether it were borne alive or not, but be concealed; in every fuch Cafe, the mother fo offending, fhall fuffer death as in cafe of murther; Except fuch mother can make proof by one witnefs at the leaft, that the child (whole death was by her fo intended to be concealed) was born dead

November

¹¹ This bill originated in the Council, one of the not very great number which in the whole hiftory of the Colony originated in that body. The amendments made by the Houfe of Burgeffes can be feen by comparing the bill as given above with the act as printed on pp. 515 and 516 of Hening, Vol. III.!

November 2^d 1710 / Read the first time / November 6th / read y^e second time /
 [Endorfed:] Bill to prevent the destroying / & murdering of Bastard children /
 paffed in Council *Novem^r y^e 8th / 1710 /*

1710

November the 15th 1710

At a Committee for propofitions & Greivances

Prefent

W^m Randolph Chairman, *Chr: Robinson, John Bolling, Nicholas Merriweather,*
W^m Cary, John Waller, James Wilfon, Ambrose Dudley, Gentl.

On Confideration of the Second propofition from the County of *New Kent* for
 Setling the bounds between the faid County & the County of *Henrico*—

Resolved

That it is the Oppinion of this Committee That the Surveyor of Each of the faid
 County's take the Courfes of *James River* & of the Main Branch of *Paumonkie River*
 at the head of the Main Branch of *Chicohominy* Swamp & Divide the Land
 the faid Rivers Equally. And that this be performed by Order of the Refpective Courts
 of the faid Countys before the laft day of *October* next at the Equall Charge of Each
 County. And the Line w^{ch} Shall be Run in Manner aforefaid fhall be Adjudged &
 taken to be the Line Divideing the faid Countys *

On confideration had by this Committee that the A^{ct} lately made for Laying an
 Imposition on Liquors & Slaves is expired

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Bill be brought in laying
 a Duty on Liquors & Slaves

J Clayton Clerk Com^e

[Endorfed:] Report of the Com^{tee} of / Propofitions and Greivances / *Nov^r 15th 1710 /*

[1710]

To the Right Worfhipfull the Speaker & Burgeffes Affembled

*The humble Petition of Elizabeth Harrifon Reli^d & Adminiftratrix of the Goods &
 Chattels of Benjamin Harrifon Jun^r late of the County of Charles City Gent.
 deceafed*

Sheweth

That Your Pet^rs fd Hufband being in his life time Seized in ffee fimple of divers
 Lands & Tenements lieing in the Countys of *Charles Citty James Citty Prince George*
 & *Surry* as alfo of Severall Negro Slaves did in the time of his laft Sicknefs defire Some
 of the fd Lands with the Slaves thereto belonging might be Sold & the money raifed
 thereby applyed to the payment of his Debts & did direct his Will to be made in order
 to the difpofeing of the fame accordingly

That Your Pet^rs fd Hufband left only one Son & a Daughter both under the age
 of twenty one years

That M^r *Nathaniel Harrifon* brother to Your Pet^rs Hufband & heir at Law to him
 if the fd Children fhould dye under age & without iffue is very willing & defirous the
 lands & Negroes intended to be Sold by Your Pet^rs fd Hufband fhould be difpofed off
 for the purpofe aforefd

That Your Pet^r has not power fufficient to fell thee fd Land & Negroes without the
 Affiftance of this Hon^{ble} Affembly

Wherefore She humbly prays this Worfhipfull Houfe will give Leave for a Bill to
 be brought in to Enable her to Sell & difpofe off One Plantation called *Rattle Hill* con-
 teineing about two thoufand one hundred acres One Plantacon called *Hunting Quarter*
 conteineing about fixteen hundred acres One other Plantation of about feventeen
 hundred acres lieing on the South Side *Nottaway* River in the County of *Surry* together
 with

* On the margin of the paper alongfide this refolution is written, "agreed to."

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with twenty Slaves to the said Plantation belonging being the Lands & Slaves desired by Your Pet^rs husband to be Sold & that the money arising by such Sale may be appropriated to the purpose aforesaid & the Surplus if any be to the use & benefit of Your Pet^rs Son

And Your Pet^r shall pray &c

1710

November the 16. 1710

Att a Committee for Propositions & Greivances
Present

William Randolph Chairman *Nicholas Merriweather James Wilfon Ambrose Dudley John Bolling Nathaniel Burwell Chr: Robinson John Waller Willoughby Allerton & William Cary*—Gent.

On Consideration this day had of diverse of the Propositions of the Inhabitants of the County of *Henrico*

As to the sixth Proposition for Erecting a Work House

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this Committee That the same is Impracticable at this time & therefore Rejected

As to the Seventh Proposition That the Law declaring Negros & Slaves to be Real Estate may be Repealed

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the same be Rejected

As to the eighth Proposition That money Debts should be paid in Tobacco at the rate of ten shillins per hundred

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Same be Rejected

J Clayton Clerk Com^{ee}

[Endorsed:] Report of the Com^{tee} / of Props. & Grievances /

1710

ffriday Nov: the 17. 1710

Att a Committee for Propositions & Greivances
Present

William Randolph Chairman *James Willfon Will^m Cary John Waller John Bolling Ambrose Dudley* Gent.

In pursuance of the Order of the House of Burgesses made the 26. day of *October* 1710 The said Committee did inspect & peruse the Journals of the said House for the last session & find

That in the Journall of the 6th day of *Nov: 1705*. It is Ordered that it be an Observation on the said Journall that there still remains in the hands of Colonel *Robert Carter* 201: 09: 9. for the Trustees of the City of *Williamsburg*

That in the Journall of the 21st day of *Nov. 1705* It is Ordered that *Richard Lee* Esq Collector of the Impost on Liquors Servants & Slaves in *Potomeck* District who hath Error in his account about four shillins & seven pence to his own advantage be directed to mend his said Account & make oath thereto before the next Session of Assembly

That in the said Journall of the 21st day of *Nov. 1705*. It is Ordered that the Collector of the Impost on Liquors Servants & Slaves in the *Eastern Shoar* District (if such there be) who hath not made any Account to the Treasurer nor satisfied him wheither he hath any Account to make or no be Directed to make oath concerning the Same

That

^{19, 20, 21} In the margin of this report is given the action taken by the House on the resolutions, severally. Alongside the first resolution is written, "agreed to." These words appear alongside the third resolution, also. Opposite the second resolution, however, appears, "no notice being already repled," which seems to mean that this resolution was not read to the House at that time by the chairman of the committee, as the matter had already received attention.

²² In the margin of the original petition is written opposite the first resolution, "Ordered to be a further observation."

That in the Journall of the 22^d day of *Nov:* 1705 upon confideration of the Report of the Committee of Propositions & Greivances made upon part of the Greivance from *Nanfemond* County complaineing that the Scituation of the Court houle of the sd County is so remote from the Center of the County that it is very inconvenient & burthenfome to the Inhabitants of the upper part thereof & praying that the Court houle may be removed to some more convenient place in the sd County

The Houfe agreed to the Report of the sd Committee viz:

Resolved that the Confideration thereof be referred to the next Seffion of Affembly
J Clayton Clerk Com^e

1710

Virginia fc^t

To the Honorable the General Affembly

Henry Cary

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was appointed by Act of Affembly Overseer of the building the Govern^r Houfe untill the same was finished, And by the said Act a fallary of one hundred pounds £ *Annum* was setled upon your Peticon^r untill he should be discharged from the said service Pursuant where unto your Peticon^r Did begin and enter upon the said building and to the best of his power and ability did carry on and Oversee the same till it was so far advanced towards the finishing as it now stands, and till the money raised by the said Act and appropriated for that use was spent together with an advanced sum of two hundred pounds more than was appropriated as aforesaid. And your Peticon^r then Considering himself under an Obligacon to the Affembly to take Care of the same untill he was Discharged, and also considering, that unless he was to be allow'd his full fallary of one hundred pounds £ *Annum* it would be very much to his prejudice to continue there and neglect his own affairs, Apply'd himself to the Hon^{ble} Mr *President* for his directions therein, and that if he were of Opinion your Pet^r ought not to continue any longer in that busines, that he would be pleased to discharge him your Peticon^r, and Appoint some other person to take Care of the said building and other things belonging to it, notwithstanding which, your Peticon^r could not obtain any Order or discharge about the premisses from the President further then that he could not appoint any other person then those whom the Law had intrusted & appointed for that purpose whereupon your Peticon^r lookt upon himself to be under a necessity of continuing to look after the said building as thinking himself lyable to answer any damages that might happen for want of his due care therein, and hath don severall things and services towards the same, dureing such intervall, as primeing and painting the Timber work in severall parts of it and burning a Large Kill of Bricks and Other small services and accordingly, the better to Enable your Peticon^r to be the more carefull and deligent in looking after the said building, he did break up Houskeeping at his own Plantacon and remove his wife and other of his Domesticks to the said work or building, all which was very prejudiciall to your Peticon^r and will tend much to his ruin if he be not allowed his full fallary for the full time he hath attended that service. Wherefore

Your Peticoner Humbly Prays your Hon^r confideracon of the Premisses, and the obligacon he ly's under by the said act and that he may be allowed and ordered his full fallary for his services aforesd

And he shall pray &c

[Endorfed:] Petition of *Henry Cary* / *Nov^r 24th 1710* / By the hon^{ble} Council / Referred to y^e confideracon / of the house of Burgeffes / *Test Wil Robertson Cl G Afs:* / *Nov^r 27th 1710* / Referd to the Com^{tee} of / Claims to examine the / Subject matter thereof / and report their opinion / thereon to the house / *T W R C H B* /

[1710]

[1710]

Proposals

For rendring the new Houfe Convenient as well as Ornamental

That fuch neceffary places as Stable, Coatch houfe, Cowhoufe & Hen-houfe together with an enclosed Yard for Poultry be made.

That a Kitchen Garden and Orchard be paied in at leaſte

That a Flower Garden behind the Houfe as well as the Court yard before it be enclosed with a Brick wall 4 foot high with a Balluſtrade of Wood on the Top

That the Land belonging to the Houfe being about 60 acres may be enclosed with a Ditch & Fence for a Paſture.

That 3 doz Strong fashionable Chairs & 3 large Tables 3 large looking Glaſſes & four Chimney Glaſſes be bought for the furniture of the lower Apartments, as alſo one Marble Buſſette or ſideboard wth a Ciſtern & fountain

That the great Room in the ſecond Story be furniſhed with gilt Leather hangings 16 Chairs of the ſame, two large looking glaſſes with the Arms of the Colony on them according to the new Mode, two ſmall Tables to ſtand under the Looking Glaſſes and two Marable Tables Eight Glaſs Sconces.

That there be one large looking Glaſs more for the largeſt of the Bed Chambers and four Chimney Glaſſes for the ſaid Floor

One great Lanthorn for the Hall

That all ſtanding Furniture for the Kitchen and Brew houfe ſuch as a Copper for waſhing another for brewing Stove Irons and other things that muſt neceſſarily be fixed to the Houfe be bought & furniſhed at the publick Charge.

[Endorſed:] M^r *Robertſon* for the houfe

[1710]

Charles Citty County Ss:

To the Hon^{ble} the Liv^t Gouverner And the Hon^{ble} Councill and Burgeſſes of this preſent Gen^l Affembly:

The Inhabitants of the ſaid County

Humbly Shew:

That this County of *Charles Citty* by being lately Divided into two Countys, And that part which is now *Charles Citty* County being but one third part of what it was before it was Divided is Reduced into ſoe ſmall a Quantetie of Tithables that the taxes are ſoe great that the poor Inhabitants of the Said County are not able to Subſiſt which cauſeth many to Remove out of the ſaid County into other Countys where there are more Tithables to eaſe the burthen & pole which they finde is a great Eaſe to them which cauſeth many to Remove dayley: and the Said County being bounded on every Side with the Severall Countys adjacent that it is all together Impoſſible to Inlarge the Same without takeing from Some of the adjacent Countys to add to this—And for as much as that part of *James Citty* County which lieth above *Chickahomony* River & bounds on the Lower Side of this County being ſoe very convenient to this County of *Charles Citty* and ſoe very inconvenient to *James Citty* County to the great greif of the people there Inhabiting &c: The Inhabitants of *Charles Citty* County therefore Humbly praye that Your Hon^{rs} and the Worſhipfull the Burgeſſes of this preſent Gen^l Affembly Will be pleas'd to take the Same into your Serious Conſideraçon and agree that a law may be made for the ading and Joyning of that part of *James Citty* County which lieth above *Chickahomony* River as afore Said unto *Charles Citty* County and that the ſaid River called *Chickahomony* River may be for the future the bounds Dividing *James*

Citty

²² This was one of the papers uſed by the committee which drew up in 1710 the "Act for finiſhing a houſe for the governor of this colony and dominion." This is ſhown by a compariſon of the wording of the paper with that of the act.

Citty and Charles Citty Countys which will be very much to the Sattisfaction of the Inhabitants of that part of James Citty County and to all the Inhabitants in Gen^l of Charles Citty County and a great ease to both: &c:

And they as in duty bound fhall ever praye

<i>Richd: Bradford</i>	<i>Tho^s Poynter</i>	<i>W^m Poyder</i>
<i>Rich^d Dennis</i>	<i>Edw: Groffe</i>	<i>Geo: Thurston</i>
<i>Valr: Minge</i>	<i>Jn^o Hunt</i>	<i>Ch^s Harwood</i>
<i>Hen: Harvey</i>	<i>David Jones</i>	<i>Rich^d Bradford Ju^r</i>
<i>Edward Cocke</i>	<i>Geo: Hunt</i>	his
<i>Jn^o Minge</i>	<i>Thomas Gregory</i>	<i>Rob^t x Brooks</i>
<i>W^m Tomfon</i>	<i>Jn^o Stokes</i>	mark
<i>Saml Ruffill</i>	<i>Th^o Blankes</i>	<i>Jn^o Drinkwater</i>
<i>Jno Hamifon</i>	<i>John Hunt</i>	<i>W^m Shandes</i>
<i>Jn^o Roper</i>	<i>Rich^d Gillum</i>	<i>Jn^o Epes—</i>
<i>Jos Harwood</i>	<i>Jeffery Momford</i>	<i>Sam^l Harwood Jun</i>
<i>Jn^o Evans</i>	<i>W^m Ingram</i>	<i>Jams Mander</i>
	<i>Turner Hunt</i>	

[1711]

A Bill for Appointing Rangers

Whereas a great number of barbarous diforderly & lawlefs perfons of the Indian Nations have fucceffively for many years laft past refided in & frequented the frontiers of this Colony & after the moft horrid & notorious crimes by them committed takeing the advantage of the large Waite & uninhabited grounds & Woods Elcape & . . . hand of Juftice ffor prevention where of & for the Safeguard & fecureing the fd frontiers & the Inhabitants thereof from all injury violence fpoil & rapine of the fd Indians

Be it Enacted by the Lieutennant Governor Council & Burgeffes of this prefent Generall Affembly & by the authority of the Same that from & after the paffing of this Aët the Lieu^t Governor or the Comãder in Cheife of this Colony & Dominion for the time being is impowered & defired with the advice of the Council to Conftitute & appoint fuch perfons as he fhall think fitt to be Lieutenants or Comãders of the Rangers for the faid frontiers each of which Lieutenants fo conftituted & appointed fhall chofe out & lift eleven able bodyed men with horfes & accouterments Armes & Ammunition refiding as near as conveniently may be to that frontier ftation for which he fhall be Lieu^t of the Rangers to ferve under him as their Commander & fuch Lieu^t & Lieuten^{ts} & the men under his & their refpective Comãds fhall obferve performe & keep fuch Orders and direCTIONS in their feverall Rangeings & Marchings as fuch Lieu^t & Lieuten^{ts} fhall from time to time receive from the Lieu^t Governor or the Comãder in cheife of this Colony & Dominion for the time being

And be it further Enacted that if any Lieu^t of the Rangers or any the Men under his Comãd fhall in their marching or Ranging meete with or fee any Indian or Indians whatfoever fuch Lieuten^t & fuch Men fhall endeavour by all poffible means to apprehend & feize fuch Indian & Indians & if upon examination of fuch Indian or Indians he or they fee caufe fhall Secure fuch Indian & Indians & convey him & them before one of her Majties Juftices of the Peace which Juftice fhall if he fee caufe upon further examination Committ fuch Indian & Indians to the publick Goal of his County there to remaine till he or they fhall be thence delivered by due courfe of Law And if any Indian or Indians which fhall be mett with or feen by fuch Lieu^t or his Men fhall refift flye or run away fo as fuch Indian or Indians cannot be apprehended or taken then & in fuch cafe it fhall be lawfull for fuch Lieuten^t or his Men to fhoot kill or deftroy fuch Indian and Indians fo refifting or running away & not otherwife

And

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforefd that there fhall be levyed & paid to every Lieutenant or Comander of the Rangers for himfelf his horfe with accouterments Arms & Ammunition for his Service for one year five thoufand pounds of tobacco with Cask & in proportion to that for a leffer time than a year and to every man lifted under fuch Lieu^t or Comander for himfelf his horfe with accouterments arms & ammunition for his fervice for one year three thoufand pounds of tobacco with Cask & in proportion to that for a leffer time than a year out of the publick Levy fuch Man fo lifted producing a Certificat under the hand of his Lieutenant or Commander fetting forth the time fuch Man fhall have been in the fd Service & makeing oath thereunto

And be it alfo Enacted that if any Lieu^t (or Comander of the Rangers or any Man lifted under fuch Lieutenant or Comander) by virtue of this A^ct fhall refufe or willfully negle^ct to obferve performe or keep fuch Orders & dire^ctions as fhall from time to time be given by the Lieutenant Governor or the Comander in cheife of this Dominion for the time being to fuch Lieutenant or Comander relateing to the Rangeing Servife every perfon & perfons fo refufeing or willfully negle^cting fhall forfeit & loofe all fuch pay as fhall be then due & oweing to him or them & fhall fuffer one months imprifonment without baile or mainprize fuch refusall or willfull negle^ct being proved before the Court of the County where fuch perfon & Perfons fhall refide at the time of making the publick Claims of the fd County

And be it further Enacted that this A^ct fhall continue & be in force for One year from the end of this Seffion of Affembly & for no longer time

[Endorfed:] A Bill for Appointing Rangers at the / Heads of *James York Rappahanock* & / *Potomeck* Rivers / Read the firft time /

[1712]

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Ent^d An A^ct declaring what fhall be accounted a fufficient feating & planting of Lands already granted or hereafter to be taken up & Patented.

In the Title of the bill ftrike out the word [and] in the firft Line and after the word [planting] infert [cultivating and improving]

1st Sheet 1st page. In the 9th Line after the word [thereon], ftrike out to the word [to] near the end of the 13th Line and inftead thereof infert [and many other Tracts of Land are full of Marfhes Swamps and funken grounds unfit either for cultivation or pafturnage without being firft cleared and drained]

2^d page, 4th line, after the word [patented] ftrike out to the word [and] in the 7th line, and inftead thereof infert [And upon all Surveys hereafter to be made Every Surveyor is hereby required and enjoined to take particular notice according to the beft of his Judgment and Underftanding, how much of the Land fo furveyed is plantable and how much thereof is barren and unfitt for prefent Cultivation, and accordingly infert in the Survey and Plott by him returned into the Secretary's Office the true quantity of each kind of Land.]

And Whereas divers Tracts of Land have been hitherto furveyed for fundry perfons who have not yet obtained patents, in wch Surveys no Difinction is made between plantable and barren Land, nor can be known without refurveying fuch Land, which would be very chargeable and expenfive to the perfon claiming the fame Be it therefore Enacted that for all lands which have been furveyed before the laft day of *October* 1713 One third part of the Tract mentioned in each Survey fhall be accounted plantable and the other two thirds fhall be accounted barren]

9th line, inftead of the word [five] infert [three]

11th line, after the word [advantageous] infert [or elfe fhall clear and drain three acres of fuch low funken grounds or draine three acres of fuch Marfhes as fhall be within the bounds of fuch patent for every fifty acres of Land contained therein within the time aforefaid]

Second

Second Sheet 1st page 2^d line after the word [Grant] insert [begin to]

7th Line, instead of the word [five] insert [three]

10th Line, instead of the word [five] insert [three]

12th line, after the word [grant] insert [And for as much as divers persons of her Majesty's Subjects have heretofore been at great trouble and expences in taking up & Surveying divers considerable Tracts of Land in expectation of obtaining Grants thereof upon the conditions of seating and planting required by the Laws and Usages of this Colony then in force and since the publication of her Ma^{ty}'s 1st Instructions have been deterred from taking out patents for the 1st Tracts by their inability to cultivate the same within y^e time therein limited—

Be it Enacted that Where any person hath already taken out or shall hereafter take out a patent for Lands which were entered for and surveyed before the eighth day of *December*, in the year 1710, the time of publishing her Majestys late Royal Instructions If such Patentees shall within the term of Five years next after the date of his grant make such seating, planting, Cultivation or improvement as are herein before prescribed and set down, for plantable and barren Lands respectively, accounting two thirds of such Lands surveyed before the 1st 8th day of *Dec^{emr}* Such Seating, planting, Cultivation & Improvement within the said Five years shall be sufficient to save every such Tract] And Be it further Enacted that]

13th Line, after the word [land] insert [at any time] and after the word [which] in the same Line insert [hath not been or] and after the word [seated] in the same line strike out the word [and] and after the word [planted] insert [cultivated or improved]

15th line, after the word [more] insert [that when any person or persons shall at any time hereafter sue for & obtain a grant of any Land as forfeited for not seating planting Cultivating or improving thereof first Patentee shall have his choice of so much of the 1st Tract contiguous to his improvements as shall have been duly seated, planted, cultivated or improved]

Last page 7th line at the beginning strike out the word [and] and after the word [planted] insert [cultivated or improved]

8th line, after the word [seating] strike out the word [and] and after the word [planting] insert [Cultivation & improvement in the Gen^l Court or]

9th line, after the word [proof] strike out to the word [shall] and instead thereof insert [certified to the Secretarys Office and there entered with the Record of the 1st patent, a copy of which]

10th line After the word [Seated] strike out the word [and] and after the word insert cultivated or improved]

12th line, after the word [and] strike out to the word [be] at the beginning of the 14th line, and instead thereof insert [.] that nothing herein contained which may Royal intentions may be put in execution.

Provided always that every three Acres of Land w^{ch} shall be Cleared Tended & Worked as aforesaid, & every Three Acres which shall be Cleared & Drained as aforesaid, shall be accounted a sufficient Seating Planting Cultivation or Improvement to save for ever from Lapsing Fifty Acres of Land in any part of the Tract contained within y^e Bounds of y^e same Patent. And the Patentee his Heirs & assigns shall at all times thereafter be at liberty to withdraw his Stock or to forbear working in any Quarry or Mine in proportion to such Cultivation & Improvements as shall be made upon y^e Plantable Lands or upon y^e low Sunken Grounds & Marshes, which are included in the same Patent. And that when any Land is Sued for as Lapsed there shall be reserved to the Patentee such a Quantity of his Tract of Land as he shall prove to have made a Cultivation & Improvement sufficient to save the same according to y^e directions of this Act and it shall be in the power of the patentee or possessor of such land to allot the quantity of land w^{ch} shall be found to be Lapsed to the person Claiming the same in any part of the Tract in one entire piece. & Provided always that nothing herein contained shall

be

be confidered deemed or taken to extend to any lands heretofore granted upon the terms and conditions of feating & planting required by any Law or Inftruction then in force & *bona fide* Seated and planted according to the direCTIONS of fuch Laws or Inftructions refpectively

[1713]

An Account of Woollens bought by the Governor of Virginia for the ufe of the Province of North Carolina Vizt

Bought of Meff^{rs} *Peter and Robert Poythres*

1 Remnant of red Duffells q^t 35-1/2 yds

2 ps blew *Ditto* - - - - 49 127-1/2 at 3s. 9 £ 23. 18. 1-1/2
43

14 p^s of plains viz^t 38-1/2 36
33-1/2 38
32-1/2 37
38-1/2 38 508 yds at 2s. 8 £ 67. 14. 8
35-1/2 36
36 35-1/2
35-1/2 37-1/2

250 258
1 p^s ftrip'd white Duffells q^t 16 blankets at 10^s each 8. 0. 0

99. 12. 9-1/2

Bought of Coll^o *Benj^s Harriſon*

6 p^s preft plains q^t 22 25
24 24 145 yds at 2s. 4 £ 16. 18. 4
25 24
2 p^s red half thick q^t - - - - - 62 yds at 2s. 3 £ 6. 19. 6
2 p^s ftriped Duffells q^t 30 blanketts at 9s. 6 - - - - - 14. 5

Sundry goods bought by Cap^t *Jones* as ~~ph~~ acc^t 38. 3. 10
58. 5. 10

Total 196. 2. 5-1/2

[Endorſed:] Acco^t of Woolens deliv^d / to N^o *Carolina* /

[1714]

13th line. After the word [Children] ftrike out to the word [the] near the end of y^e fame line and inftead thereof infert [or w^{ch} the f^d Magazine fhall be unfinished or out of repair after the laft day of *Auguſt* in y^e year 1717]

14th line. Inftead of the word [Moiety] infert [third part]

16th line. After the word [thereof] infert [One third for & towards the expence of Miſſionarys and School Maſters to be fettled among y^e Indians and]

And in the fame line inftead of [Moiety] infert [third] At the End of the Bill, add [Provided always And Be it further Enacted that in caſe the Sum of four thouſand pounds Shall not be ſubſcribed before the ſaid firſt day of *April*, and the ſaid Trade thereupon fettled and eſtabliſhed in a Company as aforeſaid, or if the f^d Comp^y being erected ſhould be afterwards diffolved by his Majeſty the ſeverall Reſtrictions herein before mentioned for trading with the Tributary Indians on the Southſide *James River* or any foreign Indians at *Chriſt Anna* only, and for preventing y^e Clandefſtine Trade with the ſaid Indians and for the regulating the manner of the Indians hunting and ranging ſhall nevertheleſs ſubſiſt and remain, ſo as it ſhall not be lawfull for any perſon or perſons Inhabitants of this Colony to trade with any of the ſaid Tributary Indians

or

or with any foreign Indians at any place within this Colony except at *Christ Anna* aforefaid, under the penalty of forfeiture of all the goods Wares or Merchandizes, Skins or furs, bartered or sold contrary to this Act or the value thereof, One third to our Sovereign Lord the King his Heirs and Successors for and towards the better support of the Government of this Colony and Dominion One third to the Governor for the time being for and towards the building and keeping in repair a Schoolhouse at *Christ Anna* for the education of the Indian Children and the other third to him her or them who will inform or sue for the same in any Court of Record within this Dominion, wherein no Effoign protection, privilege or Wager of Law shall be allowed. Provided nevertheless that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed deemed or taken to restrain any person being a Subject of His Majesty inhabiting in any of his Majesty's other Plantations from trading with any Indians Tributary to this Government at *Christanna* for any Skins and furs which shall be purchased with goods actually belonging to such Inhabitant, and brought by them from the Province or Plantation in which they reside, such person producing a Certificate thereof from the Governor or Commander in Chief of such Province or plantation, that the said goods do belong to the Inhabitants of that Province only, and not to any person residing within this Colony.

Provided also that whenever the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Dominion for the time being with the advice and Consent of the Council shall find it necessary for the Peace and Tranquility of this Colony to prohibit the Trade with all or any of the Indians either Tributary or foreign, Neither the said Company hereby intended to be erected, nor any other person or persons inhabiting this Dominion shall during such prohibition directly nor indirectly trade or traffique with any of the Indians with whom Trade shall be so prohibited, under the penalty of forfeiture of all the Goods, Wares and Merchandizes sold, bartered or exchanged or the value thereof to be recovered and disposed in manner aforefaid: And moreover every person so trading or employed in such Trade shall suffer three months imprisonment Bail or Mainprize. And if any person or persons shall trade or traffique with any Indian or Indians with whom War shall at any time hereafter be declared by the Gov^r or Commander in Chief of this Dominion for the time being Every person so offending or Trading during the continuance of such War shall be adjudged Guilty of high Treason

By order of the hon^{ble} Council

Wil Robertson Cl Gen Affly

1717

At the Court at S^t James's The 13th February 1717
Present

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty—Lord Chancellor, Lord Privy Seale, Lord Steward, Lord Chamberlain, Duke of Bolton, Marq^s of Annandale, Earl of Westmorland, Earl of Manchester, Earl of Sunderland, Earl of Radnor, Earl of Berkeley, Earl of Holderness, Lord Coningsby, Lord Ch: Jus: King, John Aisleby Esq^r

Whereas by Commission Under the Great Seale of *Great Britaine* The Governor Councill and Assembly of His Maj^{ty}s Colony of *Virginia*, Are Authorized & Empowered to Make Constitute and Ordaine Laws Statutes and Ordinances for the Public Peace Welfare and good Government of the Said Colony; Which Laws Statutes and Ordinances are to be as near as conveniently may be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdome; And are to be Transmitted to His Majesty for His Royall Approbation or Disallowance; And whereas in pursuance of the said Powers, Two Acts have passed in the said Colony, and been transmitted; Entitled as follows, Viz^t

“An Act Prohibiting the unlawfull Affembling of *Quakers*,—Passd in 1663

“An Act concerning fforeign Debts.

Which Acts having been Perused and Considered by the Lords Commiff^s of Trade and Plantations, And presented by Their Lordships to this Board with their humble
Opinion

Opinion that the Same be Repealed: His Majesty is thereupon Pleased with the Advice of his Privy Councill, to Declare his Difallowance of the said Laws, and Pursuant to His Majesty's Royall Pleasure thereupon, the said Laws are hereby Repealed Declared Void, and of None effect.

[Signature torn off.]

[Endorsed:] The King's Order for Repealing the Act prohibiting / Y^e unlawfull Affembly of *Quakers* pass'd in 1663 / & the Act concerning foreign Debts / Recd *Apr.* y^e 25th 1718.

1724

At the Councill Chamber *Whitehall* the 17th day of *Aprill* 1724.
Present

Lord *President*, Earl of *Westmoreland*, Lord Vico^t *Townshend*, Lord B^e of *London*, Lord *Cartaret*, Mr *Walpole* Master of y^e Rolls

By a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Councill—

In Obedience to an order in Councill of the 21th of *February* last, Referring to this Committee a Representation from the Lords Commiffion^{rs} of Trade and Plantations, relating to Yo^r Majesty's Difallowance of an Act passed in the Colony of *Virginia* in 1723, intituled "An Act for laying a Duty on Liquors and Slaves"—Their Lordships this day took the same into Consideration, and do find That Three Acts of the like Kind were formerly pass'd in that Colony Laying a Duty of 5^{li} 3^s Head on all Negroes imported there which Duty Continued from the Years 1710 to 1718; and tho^e no Considerable objections were made at that time to the said Acts, yet it appears that by the price the Negroes then bore and by the Smallness of the Number that were imported in those Years, in proportion to what have been imported since those Acts Expired, and the Numbers that are necessarily wanted annually in y^e Colony, this Duty must have been a great hindrance to the Negro Trade as well as a Burthen upon the Poorer Planters:—And although the Duty laid by this Act is much less than the former; The same must be attended with ill Consequences at this time, and Discourage the Planting and Cultivating Naval Stores especially in the Two New Counties where great Numbers of Negroes will be wanting, and where Your Majesty hath been pleased to Remitt the Payment of any Quitt Rent for Seven Years to Encourage the Settling and Planting the Same.

And it further appears: That this Act Lays the Duty on the Importer; whereby the Trade of *Great Britain* will be affected, and there is no Clause inserted therein (pursuant to Yo^r Majesty's Instructions) to Suspend its taking effect till Your Majesty's Pleasure shall be known.

For which Reasons, and that there does not appear any immediate Occasion for the said Supplies, and that no Damage can arise from Repealing the said Act, Since the Affembly may have time to pass another Law to raise the necessary Supplies for which this Act was designed nor lyable to the said Objections—Their Lordships Do agree humbly to offer their opinion to Yo^r Majesty that the said Act ought to be repealed and made Null and Void; and in regard the Governor of the said Colony hath acted Contrary to Your Majesty's Instructions by not inserting a Clause to prevent its taking effect till Your Majesty's Pleasure should be known thereupon:—Their Lordships are further of opinion that yo^r Majesty's Pleasure should be Signified to him, That he do not on any pretence whatsoever presume to Give his assent to any Act of this kind for the future without inserting such a Clause as is before mentioned.—

[Endorsed:] Report of the Committee of Council on the / Act laying a Duty on Liquor's & Slaves 1724.

[1726?]

[1726?]

King W^m County ff^a

I do hereby Certify that *Martin Slaughter* of this County brought before me four runaway Slaves named *James Roger Guy & Sampson* belonging to M^r *Lewis Burrel* of York County which f^d Slaves he took up att his own plantation in this Countey which in my Judgement is above forty miles from y^e french town y^e place where y^e f^d slaves were kept Given under my hand this 23^d day of *De^{br}* 1724

James Fontaine

At a Court held for the proove of publick Claims in *King W^m County* on the Ninth day of *May* 1726 *Martin Slaughter* made oath that he had not rec^d Satisfaction for the within Claim which is certified

By *W^m Aylett* C CRejected for reafons appearing to the Com^{tee} &c

[1732]

*By the Council^a**M^r Speaker & Gent^s of the house of Burgeffes*

The Council having had under confideration the Bill sent up from yo^r Houfe for laying a Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers, & being defirous to remove all Objections which may be made ag^t that Bill, do propofe that the Drawback of the whole Duty for all Slaves imported & fold here & afterwards exported within twelve months after fuch Sale be made general without diftinction of the Perfons or Countrey to which the fame fhall be exported; and that your Houfe will confent that the faid Bill be accordingly mended in the manner following, viz^t

3^d pa. 9th line After the word [Perfons] Strike out to the word [for] in the 13th Line. And inftead thereof infert [fhall buy or purchafe any Slave or Slaves]

19th line. After the word [Export] ftrike out the word [and] in the 20th line and inftead thereof infert [or hath purchafed the fame as Factor for fome other perfon whom he fhall then name, together with the place of his Refidence and that the Duty for the faid Slave or Slaves hath been duly paid according to this A^{ct}]

22^d line. After the word [Dominion] ftrike out to the word [And] after the word [Rifque] in the fame Line.

4th Pa. 3^d L. After the word [Notwithftanding] ftrike out to the word [and] in the 11th Line and inftead thereof infert [Provided neverthelefs that if any Slave exported out of this Dominion for which a Drawback of the Duty hath been allowed purfuant to this A^{ct} fhall afterwards be brought back hither either by land or water, the perfon importing the fame fhall, within fourty days after fuch Importation, fatisfy & pay unto the Collector of the Duties impos'd by this A^{ct} the whole Duty fo drawn back upon the exportation thereof under the Penalty of Forfeiting of five Pounds current money for every Slave fo brought back for which the faid Duty fhall not be fatisfied within the time aforefaid]

[1738]

Amendments To the Bill Entitled An A^{ct} for the better prefervation of the Breed of Deer and preventing unlawfull Hunting

In the 1 Sheet 16 line Strike out the word (*January*) and infert (*December*) and in the next line ftrike out the word (faid) In the laft line ftrike out (*Auguft*) & infert (*September*)

2. Sheet at the End of the 15 line add (provided alfo that nothing in this A^{ct} contained fhall extend or be conftrued to extend to any perfon living or being upon the Frontiers of this Colony who fhall kill any Deer for food for the neceffary Subftinance

of

^a This paper is taken to be the firft form of the communication fent by the Council to the Houfe of Burgeffes on June 10, 1732. For it the Council fubftituted the meffage printed on p. 143 of the "Journals of the Houfe of Burgeffes, 1727-1740."

of himself or family So as fuch Perfon do not fell or difpofe of the Skin of any Deer fo killed And in cafe any Perfon fhall be profecuted for killing Deer within the time prohibited by this Act And fuch Perfon fhall alledge that he killed fuch Deer for food for the neceffary Subftinance of himfelf or family The *onus probandi* fhall lie on the perfon fo profecuted

In the 3^d Sheet 17 Line Between the word (means) & (every) infert on any Patented Lands

18 Line Strike out the words on any Patented Lands & Infert—as aforefaid

By ord^r of the Houfe of Burgefles

Benj^a Needler

[1738]

Amendments propofed to the Bill for Altering the Method of Trial of certain Criminals therein mentioned.

In the laft Line of the firft Side Strike out from the Word [Commitment] to the Word [to] in the fame Line.

In the fourth Line of the Second Side Strike out from the Word [Crime] to the Word [and] in the next Line.

Strike out from the Word [Vicinage] in the Eighteenth Line on the Second Side to the Laft Clause in the Bill.

[Endorfed:] To the Bill for altering the / Method of Tryal of Criminal /

1738

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Entitled an act for the further continuing and amending the act, for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing frauds in his Majefties Customs

laft line After the Word [Reign] ftrike out to the end of the 6th line in the 4th Sheet & inftead thereof infert [He fhall be liable to the action on the Cafe of the profecutor for his neceffary Cofts & Expences in fuch Profecution in which the profecutor fhall alfo recover his full cofts of fuit] laft fheet

Decem^r 13th 1738

Wil Robertfon

1738

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Ent^d an Act for dividing the Parifhes of Southwark & Lawns Creek & other purpofes therein mentioned

2^d Sheet 5th Line after the word [with] infert [two thirds of]

6th Line between the words [and] & the word [for] infert [and the other third part of the f^d money]

7th line after the word [provided] ftrike out to y^e word [and] in the 8th Line

3^d Sheet 2^d Line

After the word [provided] Strike out to y^e word [and] near the end of the 3^d Line

Decem^r y^e 15th 1738

Wil Robertfon

1738

Amendments propofed by the Council to the Bill Ent^d an act for appointing fev^l new Ferrys & difcontinuing a former Ferry

1 Sheet. 13th Line Inftead of the words [fix pence] infert [feven pence half penny] and in the fame Line inftead of [fix pence] infert [feven pence half penny]

Decem^r 18th 1738

Wil Robertfon

[1738]

[1738]

Amendments Propofed by the Council to the Bill Entitled An Act for the Better Regulation of the Militia²⁵

firft Sheet After the Word [Burgeffes] inferit [of this Prefent General Affembly]

After the Word [fitt] ftrike out to the Word [that] in the feventh line & inftead thereof inferit, [. nothing herein contained fhall be conftrued to compel any of the Perfons herein after mentioned to a perfonal Attendance at Mufters]

After the Word [man] inferit [not being a Convict or Man & horfe]

After the Word [Mufters] ftrike out to the Word [Minifters] & inftead thereof inferit [Provided alfo that nothing herein contained fhall impower or enable any Colonel or chief Officer of the Militia to Lift or caufe to be lifted any of the]

Inftead of the Word [all] inferit [any]

After the Word [mill] ftrike out the Word [and] & inftead thereof inferit [nor] & at the end of the line inftead of the Word [and] inferit [or]

After the Word [Bridle] inferit [Carbine or Fuzee & bucket]

After the Word [abode] ftrike out to the Word [once] at the end of the line

Inftead of the Word [Shot] inferit [Ball]

24th line After the Word [fame] ftrike out to the Word [or] near the end of the line

After the Word [Houfe] ftrike out to the Word [and] after the Word [Shot] & inftead thereof inferit [one Pound Powder & four Pounds of Ball]

After the Word [Trumpeters] ftrike out to the Word [Pioneers] in the twenty ninth line

31st line Inftead of the Word [three] inferit [two] & after the Word [Months] ftrike out to the Word [Mufter] After the Word [Shall] ftrike out to the Word [caufe] in the fame lineAfter the Word [Count^y] inferit [to be made in the Month of *September* every Year]

After the Word [Punifhed] inferit [by any field Officer then Prefent or in cafe ther] be no fuch field Officer then] & after the Word [prefent] in the fame line ftrike out the Word [who] & inftead thereof inferit [which field Officer or in his Abfence the Majority of the Commiffion Officers]

After the Word [offence] inferit [the Majority of the Commiffion Officers then Prefent are hereby impowered]

2^d Sheet2^d line After the Word [Accutred] inferit [or do not Perform the ufual exercife]After the Word [and] next the beginning of the line inferit [fometime before the tenth of *June* Yearly]

After the Word [Slaves] ftrike out to the Word [and] near the beginning of the twelfth line & inftead thereof inferit [Servants or other diforderly Perfons]

After the Word [Slaves] inferit [Servants or diforderly perfons]

After the Word [Affembled] inferit [or any other Stroling about from one Plantation to another without a pafs from his or her Mafter Miftrefs or Overfeer] & after the Word [Slaves] in the fame line inferit [Servant Stroler or other diforderly Perfons as aforefaid]

After the Word [meet] ftrike out the Words [once in every Year] & after the Word [refpectively] ftrike out to the Word [then] in the twenty firft line & inftead thereof inferit [on the day next following the General Mufter]

After the Word [Martial] inferit [which faid Court fhall have power to adjourn from day to day]

After

²⁵ In the original manuſcript the line of each amendment was numbered, but the numbers were then ſtruck out except in the few cafes indicated by their retention above. There is alfo indicated in the margins of the manuſcript, by the uſe of the words "difagreed" and "receded" the fate of ſome of the amendments and inferentially of all. Theſe two words appear alongſide the amendments given in all the lines for which the numbers have been left, ſhowing that in theſe cafes the Houſe of Burgeſſes refuſed to agree to the Council's amendments and that the Council receded therefrom. All the other amendments were evidently agreed to.

After the Word [fame] infert [within one Month next following the faid Court

After the Word [Paiment] infert [on or before the tenth day of *April* next following]

After the Word [Aët] infert [& on all other delinquents punifhable hereby]

After the Word [or] next the beginning infert [in his Abfence from or non refidence in the County the] & after the Word [Officer] infert [there refiding] & after the Word [.] ftrike out to the Word [fhall] near the beginning of the twenty fifth line & inftead thereof infert [in the Month of *September* Yearly]

inftead of the Word [five] infert [ten]

After the Word [fuch] infert [General Mufter or]

3^d Sheet 1st line After the Word [Company] ftrike out [.] & inftead thereof infert [once every two Months] .

5th line After the Word [Accutriments] infert [or who fhall refufe to perform the Exercise]

9th line After the Word [Accutred] infert [or not performing the Exercife at the fame]

After the Word [failure] infert [& every Clerk of a Court Martial failing to deliver the Orders of the Court to the Sherif of the County within the time hereinbefore limitted fhall forfeit all the Salary or allowance for his Service as Clerk for that Year]

After the Word [His] near the beginning ftrike out to the Word [Arms] & near the end of the fame line ftrike out to the Words [Horfe &]

To the beginning of the line add [And be it further Enacted that] & after the Word [Man] in the fame line infert [or man & horfe as the Cafe fhall be]

After the Word [fame] infert [fine as is herein before inflicted for not appearing at Mufters]

After the Word [Patrol] infert [& failing fo to do to be certified to the Court Martial by the Officer of fuch Patrol & fhall pay]

33^d line After the Word [Receiver] ftrike out to the end of the Line & inftead thereof infert [to be appointed for that purpofe by the]

35th line After the Word [him] at the beginning of the line infert [by the faid Receiver or the Commanding Officer of the Militia]

By order of the Council

Wil Robertfon

[1738]

Amendments to the Bill "For Erecting two New Counties and Parifhes and granting certain Encouragements to the Inhabitants thereof"

9 In the Ninth Line Strike out [Conway] and infert [Hedgman]

13 In the Thirteenth Line Strike out the five laft Words

14 Alfo Strike out all the fourteenth Line and infert ["faid New Counties and Parifhes]

17 In the feventeenth Line Strike out [a Court] near the beginning of the Line and infert [Courts] and in the fame Line Strike out [County] and infert [New Counties] and in the fame Line Strike out [Parifh] and infert [Parifhes] and at the end of that Line add [henceforth]

18 In the Eighteenth Line between the Word [Mark] and the Word [and] infert ["Yet that fuch Exemption be not Conftued to extend to any of the faid Levies laid and Affeffed at or before the paffing of this Aët]

19 In the Ninteenth Line between [that] and [the] infert [that after a Court fhall be Conftituted in the faid New Counties refpectively]

20 In the Twentieth Line Strike out the fecond Word and from the Word [faid] to the Word [be] laft mentioned in the faid Line and infert [County of]

30 In the Thirtieth Line after the Word [faid] Strike out to the end of the Line

31 Alfo Strike out the thirty frft and thirty fecond Lines and infert [Counties be and are hereby exempted from Public Levies for ten Years]

35 In the thirty fifth Line after [notwithstanding] Strike out to the end of the Line

36. 37 Also Strike out the thirty sixth and thirty seventh and to [and] in the thirty eighth Line

[Endorfed:] To the Bill for Erecting / two new Counties &c

[1745/46]

In the Table of the Surveyors fees Second Column third Article instead of [one hundred] insert [two hundred & fifty]

After the Table in the fifth line after the Word [shillings] insert [Provided alwaies & be it Enacted that where any Person shall employ a Surveyor & shall have received a Platt of the Lands Surveyed & afterwards shall assign the Land to any other either before or after obtaining a Patent for the same,

if such Person for whom the Land was first Surveyed shall not have paid for the said Survey it shall & may be lawfull for the Sherif of any County wherein such Assignee shall reside

at the Instance of such Surveyor to make distress upon the Slaves Goods & Chattels of such Assignee in like manner as is hereinafter Provided for Surveyors or other Officers fees refused or delayed to be paid]

[Endorfed:] To the Fee Bill

[1748?]

Strike out the last Clause from the word whereof & insert

And for the regular lifting all tithable persons, be it further enacted, that the Court of every County, where lifts of the Tithables agreeable to the directions of the Laws now in force are not already taken it shall and may be lawful for the Courts of such Counties, and they are hereby required at the first or second Court after the end of this session of assembly to divide their Counties into convenient precincts and appoint one of the Justices for each precinct, to take a list of all the Tithables therein, and every Justice so to be appointed, shall give publick notice of his being so appointed, and at what place or places he intends to receive the lifts, by Advertisements thereof affixed to the Door of the churches & Meeting houses in the Parish, wherein the precinct lies, and shall accordingly attend on the said Day by him to be appointed, and at the second Court next following shall deliver a fair list of the Names and Numbers of the Tithables, by him taken, to the Clerk of the Court, who on the next Court Day shall set up fair Copies of such Lists in his Court House there to remain during the sitting of that Court for the better discovery of such as shall be concealed. And if the Justices of any County where lifts of Tithables have not been already taken shall fail to appoint some of their Members to take the lifts of Tithables in the manner directed by this Act every such Justice so failing shall forfeit and pay ten pounds, to be recovered in the General Court with Costs by Action of Debt or Information, against such Justices jointly.

And if any Justice so appointed shall refuse or fail to give Notice as aforesaid & to take & shall fail to return such List as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay two thousand pounds of Tobacco, or ten pounds to be recovered with Costs in any Court of Record in this Commonwealth.

And every Master or Owner of a Family or in his Absence, or nonresidence at the plantation, his or her Agent, Attorney or Overseer, shall on time appointed by the Justice for taking in the lifts, deliver or cause to be delivered, under his or her hand, to the Justice appointed for that precinct, a list of the Names and number of all tithable persons, who were abiding in, or belonging to his or her Family, on the Ninth day of *June* last; Every master or Owner, or in his or her Absence, or non residence, every Overseer, failing herein, shall be adjudged a Concealer of such and so many Tithables, as shall not be lifted and given in, and for every tithable person so concealed, shall forfeit and pay 500 pounds of Tobacco, or fifty shillings to be recovered by Action of Debt or Information in any Court of Record

And

And when any Overfeer shall fail to lift the Tithables upon the plantation whereof he is Overfeer, the Mafter or Owner shall be fubject to the payment of his Levies in the fame Manner, as he would have been, if they had been lifted

Every perfon at the time of giving in Lifts of Tithables shall alfo give in a Lift of his or her Wheel Carriages, fubject to a Tax the feveral Juftices appointed to take the Lifts of Tithables, under the like penalty for each failure and to be recovered in the fame manner as is herein directed for concealing Tithables

All the penalties hereby impofed shall be, One moiety to the Informer, and the other moiety, to the ufe of the County where the Offence shall be committed towards leffening the County Levy

[1749]

To the Honourable the Council,

William Parks, Printer, humbly begs Leave to lay before Your Honours the great Concern and Affliction he labours under, by having inadvertently fallen under Your Difpleafure, for not Printing Your Order in the Gazette. Had he been fenfible it was a Duty enjoin'd, in his Contract with the Legiflative Body, as Printer for the Colony, he would not have hesitated one Moment in the cheerful Difcharge of it: But, as on one Hand, he apprehended the Obfervance of that Order, was not enjoin'd him by his Contract, and on the other, that the Matter contain'd in the faid Order would give great Offence to one of the Branches of the Legiflature, with whom he Contracted, and thereby greatly prejudice, if not ruin, himfelf and Family, he confeffes, with the greateft Humility, his Want of Judgment in what Manner to act, in this nice and critical Point. He therefore moft humbly prays, Your Honours will be pleas'd to take into your Confideration, the above Circumftances, the Infirmities of human Nature, and the Difficulties a Man muft naturally meet with, in the Struggle with himfelf, when compell'd to be an Inftrument towards his own Ruin; And he, with the greateft Submiffion, hopes, from thence, that Your Honours, in Your known Goodnefs and Chriftian Compaffion, will be pleas'd to put the moft favourable conftruction on him, for this involuntary Offence, for which he moft humbly asks Pardon and will for the future take the greateft Care to avoid doing anything that may give Offence to your Honours, and always be ready to act and behave in fuch Manner in his ftation, as will, he humbly hopes, give your Honours fatisfaction of his Willingnefs to oblige Your Honours as far as in his Power.

W^m Parks.

[Endorfed:] *W^m Parks's* fubmiffion to ye Council with his apology for not printing their Order.

1764

[Copied from "*Virginia Magazine of Hiftory and Biography*," Vol. 20, pp. 31, 32.]

To the hon'ble the Speaker & Gent of the Houfe of Burgeffes.

Francis Jackfon

Humbly fheweth, That he was a Volunteer in Capt. *Charles Lewis's* Company of Militia ftationed at Fort *Dinwiddie* in the County of *Augufta* laft Summer and in an Engagement with the Enemy in the Month of May he received a Wound in his Back through his Sholder which has coft him a confiderable Sum to a Doctor in Endeavouring to cure him but hitherto without Succefs whereby he is rendered unable to fupport himfelf by Labor. He therefore prays the Confideration of this Hon'ble Houfe and fuch Relief under his Miffortune as fhall be thought reafonable.

[Endorfement:]

Pet'n of Fran's Jackfon a wounded Soldier 13th Nov'r, '64 reafon & £40 & £56 Amt.

1769

1769

By virtue of a *dedimus potestatem* to us directed we do hereby Certify that the following Gentlemen elected to serve as Burgeffes for this present General Affembly this day took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken and repeated & subscribed the Test— viz^t *Thomas Whitinge William Acril and Alexander Trent*

*Tho^s Nelson**Robt Carter*Nov^r 8th 1769

1774

*To the honorable the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes**The Petition of Manoah Singleton**Humbly sheweth*

That he was summoned as a Venire Man on the trial of *John Booth* a Criminal sent from the County of *Orange* and attended the hoñble the General Court in obedience to the said Summons one day, and travelled from the said County of *Orange* at the distance of One hundred & thirty five Miles from the Capitol, in the year 1770, but by some mistake no allowance hath yet been made him for his said attendance and travelling.

Your Petitioner therefore prays he may have the allowance appointed by Law for the said Service. with his Ferriages

And your Petitioner shall pray &c

135 Miles 405

60—1 Days All^{ce}

12—Feryes

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477

[Endorfed:] Petition of *Manoah Singleton* / to be allowed for travelling attendance / and ferriages as a venireman / 10 May, 1774 referred to the / committe of public claims / reasonable / reported in B of claims / All^d 477 li Tob^o / Ent^d in 1770 /

[Certificate accompanying]

Orange Sd

Manoah Singleton made Oath before me this Day, that he Serv'd as A Venire from the County of *Orange*, on the Tryal of *John Booth* for Felony And that he has Rec'd no Satisfaction for the Same

Certify'd under my hand this 27th April 1774*Tho: Barbour*[Endorfed:] *Tho^s Barbour's* / Cert. relative to / *Manoah Singleton's* / Pet^a /

1774

The Colony D^r to *Robert Doack* D^r

To 8 days travelling going towards the affembly in 1773 & returning home at 10/

4:0:0

To 10 days from *Fincaſtle* Courthouse to *W^mburg* 2 days attendance there & 10 days to return in 22 at 10/ - - - - -

11:0:0

£ 15:0:0

[Endorfed:] 13 May 1774 / committee of public / claims to allow the / sum of 15 pounds to / mr *Doack* for travelling / to the former and this / session and for attendance / at the latter by intruc- / tion of the house / G. W. /

1774

*To the Honorable the Speaker and House of Burgeffes.**The Petition of Thomas Minor of the County of Spotfylvania**Humbly sheweth*

That your Petitioner was summon'd from the said County to attend the Honorable the General Court in the Month of *October* in the year one thousand seven hundred and feventy

seventy one as a Venireman, on the Tryal of one *John King* who was sent from the said County as a Felon. That your Petitioner attended the said Tryal and through some Mistake was Omitted being enter'd with the Rest of the Venire who also attended the said Tryal, and was allow'd for the Distance of one hundred and ten Miles, but that nothing has been levied for your Petitioner's said Attendance. He therefore humbly prays that this Honorable House will give your Petitioner such Relief as to them shall seem right and just.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will pray.

Tho: Minor

[Endorsed:] Petition of / *Tho: Minor* / ref^d *May 17th 1774* / to Claims / All^d / to be allowed in / the Book of Claims / All^d 402¹¹ Tob^o / Ent^d /

1774

The committee of public claims to make allowances in the book of claims, pursuant to a resolution of the committee of propositions and grievances, 'that *George Archer* and *Francis Eppes* inspectors at *Bollingspoint*, be allowed twenty pounds each,' reported 19 *May*, 1774, and agreed to by the house—and pursuant to a resolution of the committee of public claims 'that *John Durrett* ought to be allowed seventy five pounds for his slave *Jacob*

[Endorsed:] *Archer & Eppes* / £20 each / *John Durrett* for / *Jacob* £75. / Ent^d /

1774

To the Hon'ble the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes

The Petition of Moses Swinny of Amherst County

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner had a Hhd of Tob^o lodged, the 22^d Day of *May* 1771, either in *Shoccoe's* or *Byrd's* Warehouses by a Person who he had imployed to Waggon it thither, but before your Petitioner could get it inspected it was carried off by the Fresh and he never has received any Satisfaction for the same: he therefore prays the Consideration of this House and such Allowance for the same as they shall think reasonable

And he shall pray &c

[Endorsed:] *Swinny, Moses* / petition of, to be / allowed for a hogs / head of tobacco / carried away by / the fresh, in *May*, / 1771— / 19 *May*, 1774 / referred to the / committee of / public claims / Mr *Cabell* to search Com^{rs} / Books for this Tob^o / Allowed £9

[Certificates accompanying]

This is to Certify that *Moses Swiney* had no Tobacco Inspected at *Byrds* Ware House in the year 1771 the year the Grate fresh Given under our Hands this 11 of *May* 1774

Sam^l & R, Price Inspectors at *Byrd W*, House

Henrico to Wit

John Hodges this day made Oath before me one of his Majestyes Justices for the said County that he Waggoned a hh^d of Tob^o belonging to *Moses Swinney* from *Westham*, to either *Shockoe* or *Byrds* Warehouse's on the 22^d day of *May* 1771 Given under my hand this 12th day of *May* 1774

Turner Southall

We hereby certifie that *Moses Swiney* had no Tobacco Inspected at *Shockoe* Warehouse in the year one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy one. Given under our hands this 11th day of *May* 1774

Price & Southall, Infps

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To the Hon^e the Speaker & House of Burgeffes

The Petition of *Simon Miller & Robert Rennolds* Inspect^{rs} of Tobacco at *Laytons* Warehouses in *Effex* County *Humbly Sheweth* that the said Warehouses, altho' secured by good and sufficient Locks, were broke open in the years 1771 & 1772, and that 2 hhds of crop Tob^o passed to *Francis Waring*, & *James Clark*, as per Dates, Marks, Numbers & weights below, were stolen and carried away;— That your Petitioners obtained Search warrents, & took every legal and probable step to recover the same, but failing therein, were obliged to Pay the holders of the Notes for said Tobacco. Your Petit^{rs} beg leave to refer to the several affidavits & Receipts hereto annexed in support of their Allegations, and hope, from the known Justice of this honorable house, to be reimbursed their los, and they will pray &c,

1771. June 3^d F W N^o 5. 1306. 115. 1191. Passed to *Francis Waring*

1772. Mar: 30. J C 105. 1073. 79. 994 to *James Clark*.

[Endorsed:] Petition Inspectors / at *Layton's* / All^d for hhd Tob^o to w^t 994 at 2^d / for the other £ 11. 18. 2-1/2 /

[Papers accompanying]

Effex f^a

The Deposition of *Daniel Thomas* taken at the request of *Simon Miller* and *Robert Rennolds* Gent Inspectors at *Laytons* Warehouses in *Effex* County The Dep^t, on oath, faith that he has delivered tobacco from the f^d Warehouse for the f^d Inspectors, when they are at the upper inspection, ever since the beginning of the year 1771; That the Houses have constantly been well secured with good locks & otherwise, & that, notwithstanding, they were broke open in the f^d year of 1771 & 1772 and he is fully satisfied that both the Hogheads tob^o mentioned in the petition of f^d *Miller & Rennolds* were stolen.— the Cask pass'd to *Ja^s Clark*, with his Mark, N^o & W^t, compared wth the Book, was found, Empty, floating in the River.

Daniel Thomas

sw^o to May 11th, 1774 before me *C Boughan*

Effex f^a

The Depⁿ of *John Lee* taken at the request of *Simon Miller* and *Robert Rennolds* Gent: Inspectors of Tobacco at *Laytons*.

The Dep^t, on oath, declares that some time ago, He thinks in the year 1772, He was called on by *Daniel Thomas* to look at a Door of one of the said warehouses which he said had been broken open; That it appeared to this dep^t that it had been so broken; that it seemed to have been well secured with a lock, and he believes the f^d warehouses are generally fo kept.

John Lee

Sworn to May 11th, 1774, before me *C. Boughan*

Rec^d May 11th, 1774 of Mess^{rs}. *Rennolds & Miller*, a hh^d of Tobacco 994 n^t in lieu of a hh^d of Same Weight missing out of their house in 1772

James Dunlap

All^d at 2^d 3^d lb. May 1773

Rec^d May 11th, 1774 of Mess^{rs} *Simon Miller* and *Robert Rennolds* Eleven pounds Eighteen shillings & pence halfpenny it being for 1191 lbs to^o, said to [be] lost out of *Laytons* Warehouse, belonging to our Decd father Estate, at the rate of 20 per c^t in the year 1771.

Thos. & William Waring

W^s *John Lee*

1774

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes

The Petition of *Martin Pipher* [*Fipher*], formerly a Resident of the County of *Lunenburg*, begg leave to informe your Honours that in the Year 1764, your petitioner being applied to by one *Abraham Smith*, to provide a considerable quantity of Provisions for the support of a Number of Indians then passing through the Country, did, according to the said request, provide and delivered to the said Indians, as much Provisions as came to the Sum of £8. 5. 7-1/2—That your Petitioner then being about to move, and did move to the Collony of *South Carolina* where he now lives, left his Acc^t in the Hands of the said *Abraham Smith*, whome he depended wou'd have proceeded to have got the same Levied for him, but your petitioner finding that the said *Smith* hath ever neglected to do anything about it, and the Money yet remaining unpaid, humbly hopes your Honours will grant him such relief as to you may appear reasonable, and as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Martin Fipher

[Endorsed:] 18 May, 1774, referred / to the committee of / public claims / to lie /

1774

To the Honourable The Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

The petition of Thomas Tunstall humbly sheweth

That for many years past, your Petitioner has acted as Deputy Clerk of *Halifax* County, and as such, always endeavoured to comply with the Order of this House with the utmost punctuality, in transmitting to their Clerk, the said Countys Account against the Public, together with the number of Tithables, before the meeting of every Session of Assembly Your Petitioner further Sheweth, that this Honourable House met on the 10th Day of *February* 1772, and that the levy for the said County for the preceding Year was not laid 'till the 14th Day of *March* following the said 10th Day of *February*. That immediately after the levy was laid, your Petitioner made out the said Countys Account against the Public, and delivered the same to *Nathaniel Terry* Esquire one of the Representatives, who waited in the County some time for the levys being laid, that he might carry down the said Account, but soon after the same was made out and delivered to the said *Nathaniel Terry*, an Express came to your Petitioners House for a Copy thereof, the Expence of which amounting to a considerable Sum is levied on *Robert Munford* Esq who was at that Time Clerk of the said County, and for which your Petitioner is liable to the said *Robert Munford* as his Deputy, which he humbly conceives is extremely hard in as much as he cou'd not make out the said Account sooner than he did, as the said levy was not laid 'till near five Weeks after the meeting of the said Session. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that this Honourable House will reimburse him the said Expences.

And he as in Duty bound Shall pray &c

[Endorsed:] 20 May, 1774, / referred to the commit- / tee of public claims / rejected /

1774

To the Honourable the Speaker & the House of Burgeffes of Virginia

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Hanover & Henrico Counties, whose names are hereto Subscribed Humbly Sheweth

That the Main run of *Chickahominy* Swamp is the line between the said Counties for Many Miles and that your Petitioners who live on each side of the said Swamp hold their lands to the Main Run of the same; And Whereas the low Grounds are very Wide & the Banks of the Main Run very low, by Beavers & other means, the run in many places is turned from its Antient Course which is a means of our property becoming precarious

precarious, as well as the County line. Your Petitioners therefore pray that the Main Run of the said Swamp may be unalterably established in such manner as shall seem most equitable and Just, and your Petitioners shall pray &c

<i>W^m Macon</i>	<i>Jo Pleafants</i>	his
<i>Peter Winston</i>	<i>Tho^s Austin</i>	<i>Abraham x Durham</i>
<i>W^m Ellis</i>	<i>Danⁱ Ellis</i>	mark
<i>Barrett White</i>	<i>Edward Curd</i>	<i>Joshua Horac</i>
<i>Sam. Parsons</i>	<i>Jacob Pleafants</i>	<i>Jeremiah Linsey</i>
<i>D Trueheart</i>	<i>Thomas Johnson</i>	<i>Joseph Gathright</i>
<i>Francis Ellis</i>	<i>John Chappel</i>	<i>John Baily</i>
<i>Benj^a Johnson</i>	<i>David Harrijs</i>	<i>Matt^w Whitlock</i>

[Endorsed:] 23 May, 1774, referred / to the committee of pro- / positions and grievances. /

1774

To the Honourable the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

Your Petitioners Humbly shew that they are deeply interested in the bounds of their Lands on *Chickahominy* Swamp

Therefore We Pray that if it shall be the Opinion of this Honourable House, that it is reasonable that the said Bounderies shall be ascertained by Commissioners, that such commissioners may be chosen from *Chesterfield*, *King William*, or some distant County; who are no ways in affinity or connected with any of the Proprietors of Lands, on the said Swamp, & your Petitioners in duty Bound shall Pray &c.

<i>Edward Curd</i>	<i>Julius Allen</i>	<i>John Carter</i>
<i>James Cocke Gargen [Guardian]</i>	<i>Dancy Bradley by D^o</i>	<i>John Binford</i>
for <i>W^m & John Cocke</i>	<i>Gideon Christian</i>	<i>Edward finch</i>
<i>Tho^s Harwood</i>	<i>Joseph Gathright</i>	<i>James Bradley</i>
<i>Jo Pleafants</i>	<i>Caleb Stone</i>	<i>Joseph Bradley</i>
<i>Martin Burton Gargen [Guardian]</i>	<i>Thomas Owen</i>	<i>Gideon Bradley</i>
for <i>William Starling Smith</i>	<i>William owen</i>	<i>James Eppes</i>
<i>Jacob Pleafants</i>	<i>Nelson Anderson Jun^r</i>	<i>John Bradley by</i>
<i>Tho^s Watkins S^r</i>	<i>Anthony Mathews</i>	<i>Ja^s Eppes his Guardian</i>
near bottoms <i>Brige</i>	<i>W^m Gathright J^r</i>	<i>Geddes Winston</i>
<i>Thomas Watkins J^r</i>	<i>John Gathright</i>	<i>Ralph Crutchfeild</i>
<i>Daniel Price</i>	<i>Jacob Ferrifs</i>	<i>Nat. Wilkenfon</i>
<i>Miles Selden</i>	<i>Miles Gathright J^r</i>	<i>Robert Spears</i>
<i>Joseph Lewis</i>	<i>William Carter</i>	<i>Nath^o Whitlock</i>
	<i>John faris</i>	

[Endorsed:] 23 May, 1774, referred / to the committee of pro / positions and grievances. /

[1774]

To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

The Petition of Sundry Freeholders and inhabitants of the County of Henrico Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners have been informed a Petition from *Hanover* County will be preferred to this Honourable House, Praying that certain commissioners may be appointed to ascertain the main run of *Chickahominy* Swamp as the County Line. That the main run of the said Swamp hath not in one instance ever been drawn in Question as the County Line. That no inhabitants reside in the said Swamp.

That your Petitioners apprehend that running the Line aforesaid will be attended with a considerable expence. That your Petitioners have been heavily Taxed for fundry new Bridges across *Chickahominy* Swamp forced on them by *Hanover* County.

That

That a great number of the inhabitants of the County of *Henrico* are Poor & barely able to pay their Publick County and Parish Levies.

Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that they may not be put to the unnecessary expence of running the Line aforefaid & your Petitioners in duty Bound fhall Pray &c.

<i>David Bowles</i>	<i>Robert Baine</i>	<i>Alex^r Mitchell</i>
<i>Nat^l Holman</i>	<i>Alex Buchanan</i>	<i>Drury Wood</i>
<i>John Lankester</i>	<i>James Miller</i>	<i>Jn^o McKeand</i>
<i>William Sheppard</i>	<i>Ja. Vaughn</i>	<i>W^m Mitchell</i>
<i>Benj^a Sheppard</i>	<i>W^m Du' Val J^r</i>	<i>John Wood</i>
<i>Tho^s Bowles</i>	<i>John Hales</i>	<i>John Redd</i>
<i>Caleb Stone</i>	<i>Cha^s Pine</i>	<i>Peter Clarke</i>
<i>Robert Price</i>	<i>John Timberlake</i>	<i>John Miller</i>
<i>Samuel Price</i>	<i>Richard</i>	<i>Benjamin Brown</i>
<i>James Cocke</i>	<i>Zack: Rowland</i>	<i>William Walker</i>
<i>William Lewis</i>	<i>Rob^t Mitchell</i>	<i>William Owen Jun^r</i>
<i>John Price Min^r</i>	<i>Lifha Harwood</i>	<i>Robert Mofby</i>
<i>Tho^s Thorp</i>	<i>David White</i>	<i>Robert Spears</i>
<i>W^m Bacon</i>	<i>John James Woodfin</i>	<i>Nath Whitlock</i>
<i>William Owen</i>	<i>James Sharp</i>	<i>James Binford</i>
<i>Thomas Owen</i>	<i>Sufaner Pyreare</i>	<i>Charles Lewis</i>
<i>Patrick Coutts</i>	<i>Thomas Bowles</i>	<i>John Wilson Maddox</i>
<i>Arch^d B . . .</i>	<i>Joseph Sheppard.</i>	<i>Tho^s Harwood</i>
<i>Rob^t Brown</i>	<i>William Henderson</i>	<i>Hutchins Matthews</i>
<i>David Allen</i>	<i>George Lindfay</i>	<i>Richard Crouch</i>
<i>Nat Wilkinfon</i>	<i>James Buchanan</i>	<i>Ab^m Cowley</i>
his <i>Johns</i>	<i>Will Anderfon</i>
<i>William x Jones</i>	<i>James Currie</i>	<i>William Du Val Att^r</i>
mark	<i>James Gunn</i>	<i>Thomas Williams</i>
<i>John Blackband</i>	<i>And^r Chalmer</i>	<i>Matthew Herbert</i>
<i>Groves Harding</i>	<i>John Orr</i>	<i>W^m Robertfon</i>
	<i>Fran^s Baillie</i>	

At a Court held for *Henrico* County on *Tuesday* the 3^d day of *May* 1774.

for receipt of publick Claims proposition and Grievances—The above Petition was presented to the Court and ordered to be Certified to the General Assembly *Teste*
Tho^s Adams Cl

[1774]

To the Honourable the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

The Petition of fundry Perfons poffeffed of Lands adjoining Chickahominy Swamp Humbly Sheweth;

That your Petitioners have been informed that a Petition will be laid before this Honourable Houfe, praying that certain Commiffioners may be appointed to Afcertain the Main run of the faid Swamp, being the dividing Line between your Petitioners Lands.

That divers difputes and controverfies on different parts of the faid Swamp, where there are feveral runs, have already been determined, and the Main run Afcertained by the ordinary courfe of Law, or by Arbitrations.

That your Petitioners apprehend that if commiffioners fhould be appointed agreeable to the prayer of the Petition aforefaid that many of your Petitioners may be deprived of their juft Titles under the determinations aforefaid, or at leaft be Obligated to Litigate the faid difputes again at a Time when the moft ancient and principle Witneffes are Dead.

That

That there is not the least Probability of there ever being a dispute with regard to the Main run of the said Swamp between a large majority of the Proprietors of the Lands adjoining thereto.

That your Petitioners Humbly conceive and apprehend that the new mode of ascertaining controverted bounds of Lands in *Chickahominy* Swamp is concerted by some Persons who are dissatisfied with the determinations of the County Courts, or Arbitrations made by their consents.

That your Petitioners apprehend that they will be Taxed with a General, unjust, & unnecessary expence, should the new mode of proceeding Petitioned for, take place.

That your Petitioners apprehend that a good & Salutary Law now subsists in this Colony for ascertaining the Bounds of every persons Lands, by going round the same by way of procession, once in four Years.

Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that in case any disputes shall hereafter arise relative to the Bounds of their Lands the said disputes may be settled and determined by the ordinary course of Law and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Pray &c.

<i>Geddes Winston</i>	his	<i>John Bowles</i>
<i>William Owen</i>	<i>Chas Hudson x Blunt</i>	<i>Gideon Bradley</i>
<i>Ben Timberlake</i>	mark	<i>James Eppes</i>
<i>Thomas Owen</i>	<i>Thomas Mann</i>	<i>John Bradley by Jas</i>
<i>James Cocke</i> Guardian	<i>John Winn</i>	<i>Eppes his Guardian</i>
for <i>Wm & John Cocke</i>	<i>Thomas Bowles</i>	<i>Dancy Bradley by D^o</i>
<i>Thos Harwood</i>	<i>Joseph Sheppard</i>	<i>Gideon Christian</i>
<i>Martin Burton</i> Guardian	his	<i>Wm Christian</i>
for <i>William Starlin Smith</i>	<i>David x Wilkinfon</i>	<i>Wm Lennard Sen^r</i>
<i>Thos Watkins</i> Sr near	mark	<i>William Sheppard</i>
<i>Bottoms bridge</i>	<i>John Binford</i>	<i>Benj^a Sheppard</i>
<i>Ralph Crutchfeild</i>	<i>Edward finch</i>	<i>Mary Bowles</i>
<i>Miles Gathright j^r</i>	her	<i>John Christian</i>
<i>John faris</i>	<i>Eliz^a x Bradley</i>	<i>Richmond Terrall</i>
<i>John Carter</i>	mark	<i>Nathaniel Raglen</i>
<i>James Royall</i>	<i>James Bradley</i>	<i>William Raglen</i>
his	<i>Joseph Bradley</i>	By <i>Ro^t Crump</i> their
<i>Elijah x Liggon</i>	<i>Thomas Watkins</i>	guardian
mark	<i>Daniel Price</i>	<i>Thos Bowles</i>
<i>Margaret Puryear</i>	<i>Miles Selden</i>	<i>Caleb Stone</i>
<i>John Harlow</i>	<i>Joseph Lewis</i>	<i>Nat Wilkinfon</i>
<i>David Bowles</i>	<i>Anthony Mathews</i>	<i>Robert Spears</i>
<i>Nat^t Holman</i>	<i>Ann Gathright</i>	<i>Nath. Whitlock</i>
<i>William Ford</i>	<i>Wm Gathright. j^r</i>	<i>Charles Lewis</i> Guardian
<i>Sufaner Pyreare</i>	<i>John Gathright</i>	For <i>Josiah Mosby</i>
her	<i>Jacob Ferrifs</i>	<i>John W Maddox</i> Exc.
<i>Mary x Bowles</i>	<i>William Carter</i>	of <i>Rob^t Maddox</i> Dec ^d
mark		

At a Court held for *Henrico* County on *Tuesday* the third Day of *May* 1774 for receipt of Publick Claims, Propositions and Greivances.

The within Petition was presented to the Court and ordered to be Certified to the General Affembly. *Test.*

Thomas Adams Cl: Cur

[Endorfed:] *December* 1777 / Ref^d next Seffion of / Affembly / *Dec^r* 1778 / ref^d to next Seffion /

[There is also preserved a copy of this petition, lacking the certificate of the court of *Henrico* County, with the signatures written by the same hand. This has the following endorment: 23 *May*, 1774, referred to the / committee of propositions and / greivances / reasonable /]

(1577)

1774

To The Hon^{ble} The Speaker and House of Burgeffes.

The Petition of Arthur Dent. Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner Served as a Private Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment Com-
manded by Col^o *Washington* upwards of Seven Years; that whilst he was in his Majesties
Service he received three Different Wounds which has Disabled him in such a Manner
as to render him Incapable of Supporting himself, and that he is at this time Destitute
of the Common Neceffarys of Life.

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays the Consideration of the House, and he
will Pray &c

[Endorfed:] 11 May, 1774 re- / ferred to the com- / mittee of public / claims. /
reasonable / Allowed £25 present Relief / and £5 ^{per} Annum / during Life / reported /

1774

*To the Hon^l Mr Speaker & Gent^{le} of the house of Burgeffes the Petition of Thomas Patterfon
of Buckingham County*

Humbly sheweth that on the 18th day of May 1773 he had a Negroe Man Slave named
Tom, Outlawed agreeable to Law and due Publication made of the same and after which
he the said Negroe Fellow was found Shott as supposed by himself to prevent being
taken, he having before his running away Committed a Murder on a White Woman
upon which he absconded carraing with him two of your Petitioners Guns. Your
Petitioner therefore Prays such relief as you in your Wisdom shall think Just and shall
ever pray &c

[Endorfed:] Tho^s Patterfon's / Petition ref^d / to Claims / May 12th 1774 / reason-
able / report specially / reported 13th May 74 /

[Papers accompanying]

Buckingham County,

I do hereby Certify that on the 10th day of May last I was cald upon to take an
Inquest on the Body of a Woman of the name of *Fitch Garrald* where upon I ifued a
Warrant to the Constable of the County aforesaid to furn. Twenty four freeholders, &
on their appearing at Tho^s Patterfons in the County aforesaid a Jury was charged & on
the examination of Severall Witnefs Touching the Said Murder'd it appeard to the
Said Jury that the Said *Fitchgarrald* came by her death by Receiving a Mortal wound
from the hands of Tom a Negro man Slave the property of the Said Tho^s Patterffon &
that the Said Negro Tom was then fled for it. Certify'd from under my hand this 14th
day of April 1774

Cha^s Patterfon Coroner

Buckingham sc.

*By John Nicholas and Charles May, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said
County; one of them being of Quorum.*

A Proclamation.

Whereas We are Credibly informed, That One Negroe Man slave Named *Tom*
belonging to *Thomas Patterfon* of the said County Planter after the Murdering of *Glin
re viea Fitchgarrald* the Ninth day of this present Month at Night, Runnaway and took
with him his said Masters Arms & Ammunition, and is now lying Out hid, lurking, and
doing Mischief within this County:

Therefore, in his Majesty Name, We hereby require the said slave forthwith to fur-
render himself, Or to return home to his said Master: And We also require the sheriff
of the County aforesaid to make diligent search, and to apprehend the said slave and
carry before some Magistrate of this County to be examined touching the said Murder
and Felony: And the said sheriff is hereby empowered to raise and take with him such
power of this County as he shall think fit and Neceffary for the effectual apprehending
the said Outlying Slave: And We further declare if the said Slave shall not surrender
himself

himself or return immediately after due Publication of these presents, That then any Person whatsoever may lawfully kill and destroy him without being liable to any Penalty for so doing. And hereof all persons are required to take due notice.

Given under Our Hands & Seals this 18th Day of May 1773.

God save the King

John Nicholas (L. S.)

Chas. May (Seal).

[On other side of sheet]

Buckingham co to wit

I do hereby certify that the within proclamation was publish'd at the several churches in this county according to law—given under my hand this eleventh day of April 1774.

Wm. Peafely, Rector of *Tillotson* Parish.

The Publick to *Thomas Patten* Dr.

To the within negro who was outlaw'd & found dead (adjudged by the Jury that he was the cause of his own death). £85. 0. 0.

E E *Thomas Patten*.

At a Court held at the Courthouse of *Buckingham* County the 18th Day of April 1774. For Proof of Public Claims & for receiving & Certifying Propositions and Grievances.

The above Account was presented in Court & proved according to law which was Ordered to be Certified to the next General Assembly (This Court being of opinion that the said Negro was of the value of Eighty five Pounds.

Teste Rolfe Eldridge C'l. Cou'r.

1774

To the Hon^{ble} the Speaker and Burgeffes of Virginia

James Keeling

Humbly Sheweth

That being a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment and employed in erecting a Fortrefs He received a hurt which broke his arm and dislocated his Shoulder has ever Since been exceeding troublesome to him & a great obstruction in getting a Subsistence, and now involved in the Calamity's of old age and indigence, Most Humbly implores the interposition of the worthy members of this House agreeably with their Wonted humanity & generous Conduct on Similar Occasions, and he as in duty bound Shall ever Pray—

James Keeling

May 1774

[Endorsed:] Petition of / *James Keeling* / ref^d to Claims / May 17th 1774 / £20 present / £5 pen. for Life /

[Certificates accompanying]

Frederick County Sc^t

Personally Appeared *James Keeling* and *Arthur Dent* before me and made Oath as Follows the said *James Keeling* that he was a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment in the year 1761, in Assisting to raise the fort at *Long Island*, he received a Hurt which Broke his Arm and Shoulder of which, he has been ever since rendered incapable of getting a livelihood by his Labour. and the said *Arthur Dent* made Oath that he was a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment at the Same time, and that he remembers the Above Accident to have happened, that he was in the Country's Service at that time, and that he Verily Believes he Has not been Able to get his Living by Labour since that time.

Sworn to before me this 13th day of June 1772

James Wood

Frederick

Frederick County S^t

Philip Burwell perfonally appeared before me one of his Majefties Juftices of the peace for the County of *Frederick* and made oath that himfelf and *James Keeling* were both foldiers at one time of the *Virginia* Regiment in the Company Commanded by Capⁿ *Bucknor*. That he faw *James Keeling* with his Arm in a Sling and every other appearance of a broken bone, and he was informed that *Keeling* had received the Hurt helping to raife a Fort at *Lond Island* on *Holfstons* River, a Day or two before. He alfo depofeth that it was mention that the hurt was of fuch a nature that *Keelings* Arm muft be taken off, and further that he is fully of opinion the prefent weak and much difabled condition of his arm was occafioned by the above hurt, and that the S^d *Keeling* was (before receiving the hurt,) always reputed an active good Soldier

Sworn before me this Day of

This Certifies that *James Keeling* was was a Soldier in Cap^t *Buckners* Company of the *Virginia* Regiment for the Space of three years recd a hurt in his Arm in helping to build a Fort & was regularly difcharged at *Fort Lewis* in Fbry 1762

Adam Stephen

Given at *Wincheſter* this 6th day of *April* 1774

1774

To the Honorable M^r Speaker & Gentelmen of the houſe of Burgeſſes,
The Petition of William Mead—

Humbley ſheweth—that your petitioner—had taken from him by the Militia of *Amelia* County—in the yeare 1758—three head of Cattell, which your Petitioner has never Recived any Satisfaction for—your Petitioner begs leave to Inform this honorable houſe the reaſon why he has never made applycation for pay before this time was owing to his not being able to Obtaine proper—Cirtificates from the Commanding officer which your Petitioner has now got. & hopes this Hon^{le} houſe will take his caſe under their confideration & allow him what you in your wiſdome ſhall think juſt & your Petitioner as in duty bound ſhall ever pray &c.

[Endorſed:] Petition of / *W^m Mead* / ref^d to Claims / 17 May 1774 / to ſearch for /

1774

To the Honorable the ſpeaker and the members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Humbly ſheweth, your Petitioner *John Brander* Miniſter of *Ruffell* Pariſh in the County of *Bedford* that your Petitioner hath the Cure of a Pariſh very extenſive and inconvenient from the Diſtance of the Churches and Badneſs of the Roads; That by an A^{ct} of Affembly in the Year one thouſand and ſeven hundred and fifty three the Incumbent of the ſaid Pariſh was obliged to receive the Tobacco levied for him at 12/6 *per Cent*. Your Petitioner further Sheweth this Honorable houſe upon the Petition of the Miniſter of *Antrim* Pariſh in *Halifax* County enacted that the Salary of the Incumbent of the ſaid Pariſh ſhould be paid in Tobacco or at the rate other miniſters are intituled to under the A^{ct} of Affembly of One thouſand ſeven hundred and forty eight ſo that your Petitioner is the only miniſter in a part of the Colony ſo convenient who receives his Salary at the rate of 12/6 *per Cent*.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays this Honorable Houſe that the Incumbent of *Ruffell* Pariſh may by A^{ct} of the General Affembly be intituled to receive his Sallary at the ſame price and Rate which other miniſters receive in their Reſpective Pariſhes.

And your Petitioner ſhall ever pray &c

John Brander

[Endorſed:] 17 May 1774 / referred to the com- / mittee for religion /

1774

1774

*Falmouth Warehouse**October 1770.*

No. Grofs Tare Nett

G S 233. 1007. 139. 868.

The above Hhd Tobacco was inspected at our warehouse in Mr. *George Slaughters* name, and carried of by the Fresh in May 1771. Certified under our hands this 21st day of *April 1773*.

Wm. Newton,
Thos. Hord.

King George Sc^t

William Newton one of the Inspectors at *Falmouth* warehouse made Oath that the above Hhd Tob^o G S No. 233. Nett 868 lb. was carried of by the Fresh in *May 1771*. Given under my hand this 22d *April 1773*.

All^d at 18/ 3^d C.*James Buchanan.*

[Endorsed:] for / Mr. *R. Slaughter* / to be allowed in / the Book of Claims / by instruction from / the House *May 17 / 1774*.

George Slaughter / £7. 16. / Ent'd.

1774

*To The Honourable the Speaker and House of Burgeffes**The petition of Waller Lewis of the County of Spotsylvania**Humbly Sheweth*

That your petitioner having made a Crop of Tob^o in the year 1770 consifting of five Hogheads in the county of *Albemarle* and finding from the great Distance it lay from a Warehouse that it would be very inconvenient to him to convey it thither, applied to Mr *Rich^d Harvie* of the Town of *Charlottesville* Merch^t, who kept a Waggon and Team for such purposes, & engaged him to carry down a part of the f^d Tob^o to the Warehouses at *Richmond*,— That your petitioner having Dealing with the said Mr *Harvie*, gave him a general Order to receive and make use of all the f^d Tob^o— That your petitioner living at a great Distance from the f^d Town of *Charlottesville*, and for a long Time being in too low a State of Health to ride so far, was not inform'd what was become of his Tob^o afore^d till many Months after the Commissioners for that purpose had received the Claims of those who had lost Tob^o by the great Fresh in the Month of *May 1771*— That the first Information your petitioner received was, that the last Hhd of the f^d Tobacco was carried by the f^d Mr *Harvie*'s Waggon to *Richmond* and left at the Warehouses there, uninspected, but a few Days before the said Fresh; but the same cannot since be found, so that it must have been carried off by the f^d Fresh.

Your petitioner therefore prays that this House will consider the premises, and give him such Relief, as to them shall appear right and just. And your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c.

Waller Lewis

[Endorsed:] Petition of / *Waller Lewis* / ref^d to claims / *May 17. 1774* / Rejected / the tob^o allowed by / the Com^{rs} & this Petⁿ / struck out of the Journals / & not to be reported on /

[Papers accompanying]

Alb. fc

This Day *Hastings Marks* came before me *John Marks* Gent. one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said County & mad Oath that on the eight Day of *May 1771*. he saw one Hhd of Tob^o the Property of Mr *Waller Lewis* put into *Richard Harvie* & C^o's Waggon with one Hhd of *David Merwithers*, to be sent to *Richmond*, that he has reason to believe the Tob^o was Delivered as the Waggon returned from *Richmond* the Seventeenth of the month with a Load of Goods. Given under my Hand this Sixteenth Day of *April 1774*

*John Marks**Alb:*

Alb: fc

This Day *Richard Harvie* came before me *John Marks* Gent. one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said County & made Oath that he has Charged M^r *Waller Lewis* with the Carriage of three Hh^{ds} of Tob^o two Hh^{ds} on the twenty third of *April* 1771. & one Hh^d on the eight Day *May* 1771. on his Store Books, & on the twenty fourth of *June* has Charged M^r *Waller Lewis* with Cas[h] paid *James Woods*, for the Carriage of two Hh^{ds} Tob^o & that he received but four Hh^{ds} Tob^o of M^r *Lewis's* in that year, Given under my Hand this 16th day of *April* 1774

John Marks

Spotsylvania fct.

This Day *Waller Lewis* came before me *George Stubblefield* Gent one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County and made Oath That he gave M^r *Richard Harvie* Merch^t an Order on the Inspectors at *Richmond* for his whole Crop of Tob^o carried there, consisting of the five within mentioned Hogheads, one of which it appears by the said *Harvie's* Acc^t was carried down a short Time before the great *May* Fresh, for which the said *Harvie* has given him no credit, neither has he received any Satisfaction for the same. Given under my Hand this 10th Day of *May* 1774.

George Stubblefield.

1774

To the Hon^{ble} The Speaker and House of Burgeses. The Petition of Moses Hunter of the County of Berkeley Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner Entered into a recognifance in the Court of the said County of *Berkeley*, to Appear at the General Court as a witness for Our Sovereign Lord the King On the Trial of *James Connor* a Felon. that your Petitioner by reason of his Horse Failing, was Prevented from Reaching the Capitol 'till about two Hours after the Trial and Conviction of the said *Connor*. Your Petitioner therefore Prays the Consideration of the Hon^{ble} House and he will Pray &c

220 Miles 1 Day Feriges at *Ashby Falmouth & Ruffins*

[Endorsed:] 20 *May*, 1774, referred / to the committee of pub / lic claims. / All^d / Reported in B. Claims / Ent^d in B Claims /

1774

To the honorable The Speaker and House of Burgeses. The Petition of Philip Barber Humbly Sheweth

That he was employed by General *Bouquet* in the year 1764, as an Express from him, then in the Indian Country, to Gouvernor *Fauquier*, and in that Service lost a Horse of considerable value, and having been most of his time since out of this Colony, he hath had no opportunity of making Application to this House for satisfaction for the Horse so lost

Your Petitioner therefore prays that he may now be allowed the value of the said Horse

And he shall pray &c

[Endorsed:] *Barber Philip*, / petition to be al- / lowed for a horse- / 20 *May*, 1774, / referred to the / committee of pub- / lic claims. / rejected / no Public Charge /

1774

To the honorable the Speaker & House of Burgeses

Jn^o Knibb Inspector of Tobacco at Bermuda Hundred

Humbly sheweth

That in the year 1770 & 1771 the Warehouses at that place were broke open & robbed of 836^{lb} for wch the petitioner was obliged to pay the Sum of £7. 17. & for wch he has never received any Satisfaction.

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The petitioner prays that the same may be repaid him by this honorable House as the said robbery was not owing to any neglect or mismanagement of him.

And he will pray &c

[Endorsed:] 20 May, 1774, / referred to the / committee of / public claims. / reasonable / £7. 17. / not reported /

[Deposition accompanying]

Chesterfield Sc

This day *John Knibb*, Inspector of Tobacco at *Bermuda Hundred* Warehouse, Came before me One of his Majesty's Justices of the said County and made Oath that the said Warehouse, was broke Open, when under Lock & Key, some time in *July* in the year 1770 & that One Crop Hhd of Tob^{co} belonging to *John Ogilby* of *Amelia* County, was broke Open and 436 lb of said Tob^{co} was stole out of said Hhd for which said Tob^{co} the said Inspector paid 16/8 p C' for, and also the said Warehouse, was broke Open in *September* 1771 & about 400 lb of *Transfar* Tob^{co} Stole out of said Warehouse, for which the said Inspector paid 21/1 p C' for, and the said Inspector applyed both Times, to a Majestrate for a Search Warr^t which was Granted him & *William Womack* a Constable of S^d County made Deligent search for said Tob^{co} but Could not find any, & the said *Will^m Womack* made Oath before me that he was Called on by the S^d Inspector, both Times that the said Warehouse was broke Open which he said was broke Open & the Tob^{co} Stole, the said *Womack* was a Tob^{co} Picker at the said Ware House, Certified under my Hand this 27th day of *April* 1774

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436—	@ 16/8—	£3. 12- 8
400—	21/1—	4. 4. 4
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Jn^o Archer

1774

To the House of Burgeffes

Walker Scott humbly Sheweth

That in the years 1763, 1764. & 1765, five hogfheads of Tobacco were stolen out of the Warehouses at the *Rocky Ridge* for wch the Petitioner & *James Martin* (Since deceased) who were Inspectors there paid the Sum of £50. 13. 7. & for wch they have never received any Satisfaction

The Petitioner therefore prays that as the said Loss was not occasioned by the neglect or mismanagement of the said Inspectors there may be an Allowance made the Petitioner & the Estate of the said *James Martin* for the said sum of money by this House

And he will pray &c.

[Endorsed:] 20 May, 1774, re- / ferred to the com- / mittee of public / claims. / defr'd (for merch^{ts} to come in) /

[The following three papers belonging with the above are copied from the "*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*," Vol. 18, p. 289.]

An Account of five h'h'hs of Tobacco that was lost from the warehouse at R. Ridge in Chesterfield County to wit.

	No.	Neat w.	belonging to	d.	£
1763.					
December 2nd.	538	1029	<i>Francis Hopkins</i>	2	8. 11. 6
1774[1764]					
Feb. 17	1115	1085	<i>Nicholas Wilkinfon</i>	20	10. 17.
June 18	1792	996	<i>Charles Hunt</i>	20	9. 19. 2
1765.					
Nov. 15	285	988	<i>John Pimbleton</i>	20	9. 17. 7
Dec'r 20	870	1142	<i>William Dudley</i>	20	11. 8. 4
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					50. 13. 7

Chesterfield County Ss.

This day *Walter Scott* made Oath before me One of his Majestys Justices of the peace for the said county that he was Inspector of Tobacco at *Rockey Ridge* Warehouse
in

in the years Seventeen hundred and fixty three, fixty four and Sixty five when the five h'h'ds of Tobacco Above mentioned Ware Inspected and pafs'd at the Said Warehouse and Ware afterwards, loft or Stolen from the Said Warehouse and that he the Said *Scott* With *James Martin* who was the other Inspector at that time paid for the afforfaid five h'h'ds of Tobacco the Sum of Fifty pounds thirteen Shillings & Seven pence for which Sum the Said Inspectors had not received any Satisfaction.

Given under my hand this 4th day of *May* 1774.

Bernard Markham.

Chesterfield county f c

This day *Matthew Branch* made Oath before me One of his Majefty's Justices of the Peace for the County afforfaid that in the year One Thoufand Seven hundred and Sixty nine he was an Acting Inspector of Tobacco at *Rocky Ridge* Ware houle and that in that year there was loft from faid Warehouse One hhd of Tobacco No. 88o Neat 1025—belonging to *John Hopfon* that he had reason to believe the Same was Stolen and that he had made Deligent Search for the Same but could not Get it that he the faid *Branch* and *Walter Scott* the other Inspector paid to *Edward Johnston* Eleven pounds three Shillings & three pence $1\frac{1}{2}$ for the Said hhd of Tobacco for which no Satisfaction had Ever been made to them.

Given under my hand this 4th day of *May*, 1774.

Bernard Markham.

[Endorfed:] to be put with *Nib* and *Scott's* Pet's.

1774

To the Honourable Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgefes.

The Petition of a Number of *Presbyterians*, Members of a *Presbyterian* Church or Congregation in the County of *Bedford*, known by the Name of the *Peaks of Otter*, humbly fheweth, That your Petitioners have in time past and are ftill willing to contribute their Quota in Support of the Church of *England* as by Law eftablished in this Colony of *Virginia*; which they do with the more Cheerfulnefs, as they have hitherto enjoyed their Rights and Privileges and the free Exercife of their Religion as *Presbyterian* Diffenters unmolested: nor have they any Fears or Doubts of being difturbed therein by this Honourable Houfe, while your Petitioners duly obey the Laws of their Country, continue good Subjects to their moft gracious Sovereign, and are ufeful Members of the Community. And as they look upon Obedience to the Laws and protection from the Legiflature to be reciprocal, they therefore pray the Protection of this Honourable Houfe in future, in the free exercife of their Religion; which they humbly concieve is well calculated to make Men wife here and happy hereafter, to enforce due Obedience to their lawful Sovereign, and to live in proper Subjection to the Laws. While they thus implore your Protection and favourable Notice, they beg Leave to inform this Honourable Houfe that they find it very inconvenient to fupport Clergy of their Denomination by the ufual Method of Subfcription; therefore a Number of well difpofed Perfons in faid *Presbyterian* Church or Congregation have made Contributions to purchafe therewith Lands and Slaves for the Support of a Stated Miniſter of their faid Congregation: but not believing their Elders or Church Seſſion a Body fufficiently corporated by any exprefs Law of this Colony, in which to veſt the Freehold of the Land and Slaves in Truſt for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Salery, and the ſame being in Obedyance would be liable to various Treſpaſſes without Redreſs, for Remedy whereof your Petitioners farther pray, That this Honourable Houſe would paſs a Law empowering the Elders of faid Congregation to diſpoſe of the Benefaſtions that now are or hereafter may be given for the Support of a Miniſter of the *Presbyterian* Profeſſion in the Purchaſe of Lands and Slaves, or to place the ſame or any Part thereof to Interelt as ſhall ſeem moſt for the Benefit of the Congregation, and veſt in the faid Elders and their Succeſſors the Freehold of the faid Land and Slaves to the Uſe of the faid Miniſter, as long as he continues in the Doctrine and Subject to the Diſcipline of the *Presbyterian* Church as held

held and exercised by their Sessions Prefbyteries and Synods; with Power to withhold the Profits of the said Lands and Slaves and the Interest of the Money, whenever the Minister shall deviate from the Doctrine or Discipline according to the Judgement of the said Judicatures: and if the Profits of the said Lands Slaves and Money should at any time exceed the Salary agreed upon with the said Minister, the Elders are to dispose of the Overplus, as also the Profits arising from the Lands Slaves and Money between the Death or Removal of a Minister and the Admission of his Successor, according to the Rules of the *Prefbyterian* Church, as shall be directed by a Majority of the Congregation: that the Elders shall have Power to sell any Lands or Slaves that may be thought less usefull and with the Money arising from such Sale to purchase other Lands or Slaves of more Value to the same Uses: that the said Elders and their Successors shall be regular Members of the *Prefbyterian* Church according to the Doctrine and Discipline thereof, and that they shall be annually accountable to the Minister for his Salary, or so much thereof as shall arise from the Profits of the Land and Slaves and the Interest of the Money: that the said Elders keep a fair Book of all their Transactions in the said Trust, and render a just Account thereof to such Persons as shall be chosen by a Majority of the Congregation when thereunto demanded; and on Refusal or Default to be liable to the Suit of the said Persons so chosen with the Consent of the said Majority. This our Petition being solely intended for promoting Religion and Virtue amongst the *Prefbyterians* in this Part of the Colony is humbly left to the serious Consideration of this Honourable House to confirm or make such Suggestions and amendments as you in your wisdom shall think expedient, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound, shall ever pray.

[The petition as now preserved in the *Virginia* State Library lacks the signatures, which are here supplied from the "*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*," Vol. 12, p. 419.]

Robt. Ewing,
Chas. Ewing,
Robert Ewing, Jr.,
Frederick Mayberry,
Henry Mayberry,
Wm Boyd,
Jno. Ewing,
Andrew Evins,
Charles McGlaf, Sen.,
Michael Roxer,
Alexander Armstrong
Willm Armstrong,
John Armstrong,
Francis Read,
George Dickson,
John Kennedy,
James Kennedy,
William Kennedy,
Thomas Kennedy,
William Cenedey,
John Slayner,
Lege Stone,
Adam Linn,
Joseph Linn,
James Kerley,
* *
James Brown,
Charles Campbell,
Robt. Mitchell
Jas. Mitchell,

William Adams,
Abraham Ewin,
Jonas Erwin,
Charles Cobbes,
Robt. Jarvis,
W. Tathene,
John Burk,
John McFarland,
Jarvis Jackson,
John Low,
John Evins,
Dannal Gudane,
Willm Trigg, Junr,
George Dooley,
John Dooley,
Adam Beard,
Samuel Beard,
Thomas Dooley,
Adam Sharp,
John Wood,
David Beard,
Moses McInvain,
Wm. Ewing,
Thomas Campbell,
Michael Yocum,
James Mitchell,
Michael Gilbert,
Thos. Dooley, Junr,
John Sharp,
Slowman Rees,

Sam. Campbell,
Ifham Talbot,
Thos. Wood,
Lawrence McGuire,
John Beaney,
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Dudley Rountree,
Thomas Feely,
Jas. Boyd,
Thomas Read,
Jas. Young,
Edmund Smith,
Isaack Groce,
Caleb Ewing,
James Reed,
Robt. Irwin,
Wm. Adson,
Peter Harman,
Jno. Patterson,
Abraham Sharpe,
Abrah Dooley,
Jacob Dooley,
Joseph Jackson, Jr.,
Joseph Jackson, Sr.,
John Downing,
Robt. Mitchell, Sr.,
John Mitchell,
James Robinjone,
Daniel Mitchell,
Robert Hill,

Enos Mitchell,
 Stephen Mitchell, Jr.,
 Robt. Mitchell, Jr.,
 Robert Myers,
 James Young,
 William Rutherford,
 Thomas Howard,
 David Harvey,
 Samuel Farr,
 Abel Holmes,
 Nicholas Mene,

John Todd, Jr.,
 Andrew Irwin,
 Thos. Williams,
 James Edger,
 William Thompson,
 Merry Carter,
 Jeffe Abston,
 William Handy,
 Daniel Robinson,
 George Dooley,
 Benjamin Rew,

Willis Downing,
 Daniel Mitchell,
 Thos. McHandres,
 Benjamin Witt,
 Alexander Davidson,
 Wm. Lamme,
 Andrew Mitchel,
 Polfn Smal, Jr.,
 Francis Reed,
 Henry Brown,
 Robert Cowan.

[Endorfed:] 17 May 1774, referred / to the committee for religi / on / 21st May
 1774 reported reasonable /

[1774]

*To the honble the Speaker and House of Burgeffes in General affembly met together the
 Petition of sundry persons refiding on or near to the Fluvanna and Rivanna rivers
 humbly fheweth*

That from the confluence of the fd rivers to the neareft ferry on the *Fluvanna* river, upwards, is about twenty three miles; that from the fd confluence to the neareft ferry on the *Rivanna* river, upwards, is about thirty miles; and from the fd confluence to the neareft ferry on the main river, downwards, is about eight miles. That your petitioners refiding on and near to the faid rivers and having occaſion to go to *Manchester* or *Warwick* their principal mart on the South ſide of the main river, or to *Richmond* their principal mart on the North ſide the main river, in order to crofs either of the fd rivers *Rivanna* or *Fluvanna* at a ferry are obliged to go directly up the ſame the diſtances before mentioned; that your petitioners refiding on the North or South ſides of both the fd rivers or of the main river and having occaſion to go acroſs the country are obliged to go to one of the ferries before mentioned which are thirty or forty miles apart; that a very great number of poor people paſſing with their families from the Northern to the Southern colonies falling into the road leading down the country and known by the name of the Three-notched road, are at preſent obliged to turn down the faid road fourteen miles and after croſſing the neareft ferry before mentioned on the main river to go up the ſame diſtance^a before they fall into their route again which diſtances might be ſaved to them by a paſſage acroſs the fd river at the fork: That this would alſo relieve your petitioners refiding within and near to the fd rivers from their difficulties before ſtated.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that a ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the point of the fork of the fd rivers *Rivanna* and *Fluvanna* to the lands late the property of *Philip Mayo* deceaſed on the South Side the fd *Fluvanna*: from the fd point of the fork to the lands of *Samuel Martin* on the North ſide the fd *Rivanna* and from the lands of the fd *Samuel Martin* on the North ſide the fd *Rivanna* to the fd lands late of the fd *Mayo* on the South ſide the fd rivers, with ſuch rates of ferriage as to this houſe ſhall ſeem reaſonable and your Petitioners as in duty bound ſhall ever pray

David

^a This petition was circulated for ſignatures in two ſlightly different forms—the one as printed above, and the other with the ſubſtitution for the words underlined of the following: “to a place known by George Paynes Ordinary; From thence are Obligated to go Acroſs the Country ſixteen miles a very bad and difficult way before they come to the neareft Ferry & after croſſing at the fd Ferry are Oblig’d to turn a direct Courſe fourteen miles up the Country.”

The ſignatures to the petition in its ſecond form begin in the liſt as printed above with Wm. Pace.

<i>David Staples</i>	<i>W^m Oglefby</i>	<i>William Whitlock</i>
<i>Sherod Bybee</i>	<i>Rich^d Bennett</i>	<i>John Martin</i>
<i>Will Martin Sen^{re}</i>	<i>James Adams</i>	<i>Charles Askyow</i>
<i>Rob^t Paslay</i>	<i>John Williamfon</i>	<i>Obediah Askyow</i>
<i>Tho^s Goode</i>	<i>Cuthbert Champion</i>	<i>Henry Williams</i>
<i>William Haden</i>	<i>George D[unen possibly]</i>	<i>Henry Martin</i>
<i>John Hardee</i>	<i>George Anderson Jun^r</i>	<i>John Lisle Sen^r</i>
<i>Samuel Mofs</i>	<i>Rand^h Johnson</i>	<i>David Bybee</i>
<i>David Staples Jun^r</i>	<i>Jacob Williamfon</i>	<i>Jonathan Fleweling</i>
<i>Rob^t Anderson</i>	<i>Patrick Williamfon</i>	<i>Joseph Mosley</i>
<i>Benjamin Woodfon Min^r</i>	<i>Billey Bond</i>	<i>James Mosley</i>
<i>Tho^s Harlow</i>	<i>Jn^s Napier</i>	<i>Abram Parrish</i>
<i>John Lisle Jun^r</i>	<i>Spencer Beshaw</i>	<i>George Robinson</i>
<i>Pat^r Napier</i>	<i>Ja^s Vaughan</i>	<i>Green Richardson</i>
<i>Patrick Woodfon</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Edward Merritt</i>
<i>Robert Furbush</i>	<i>Thomas Mayo</i>	<i>Robert Mayo</i>
<i>Rene Woodfon</i>	<i>William Couert</i>	<i>Munford Robinson</i>
<i>Hezekiah Stone</i>	<i>W^m Melton Jun^r</i>	<i>Archer Layne</i>
<i>Pat^r Napier J^r</i>	<i>Charles Richards</i>	<i>Benjamin Anderson</i>
<i>Edmond Moodey</i>	<i>W^m Giles</i>	<i>Abfalom Appleberry</i>
<i>John Clemens</i>	<i>Nicholas Moyer</i>	<i>John Coles</i>
<i>Henry heaslip</i>	<i>Ashford Napier</i>	<i>William Walton</i>
<i>John Hunt</i>	<i>Jo^s Goode</i>	<i>William Oglefby Jun</i>
<i>Jeffe Cam</i>	<i>Elijah Stone</i>	<i>Henry Mullins</i>
<i>John Peter Cam</i>	<i>Benjamin Handcock</i>	<i>Daniel Allegre</i>
<i>Joel Melton</i>	<i>Dilmus Johnson</i>	<i>James Alford</i>
<i>Marvil Stone</i>	<i>John Seay</i>	<i>James Cocke</i>
<i>Archbill Snead</i>	<i>Rich^d Melton</i>	<i>Robert allan</i>
<i>Champⁿ Napier</i>	<i>John Melton</i>	<i>Daniel King</i>
<i>Thomas Shous</i>	<i>Richard George Mayo</i>	<i>Richard Napier</i>
<i>Thomas Moodey</i>	<i>William white</i>	<i>Thomas Thene</i>
<i>Nathaniel anderson</i>	<i>W^m Stone</i>	<i>Roger Shackelford</i>
<i>Shadrach Oglefbye</i>	<i>William Burgis Ju^r</i>	<i>Eliaes Williams</i>
<i>Joseph Woolling</i>	<i>Jacob Cragwall</i>	<i>David Hicks</i>
<i>John melton</i>	<i>W^m Bybee</i>	<i>Alexand^r Mofs</i>
<i>John Melton</i>	<i>John White</i>	<i>Twiner Richardson</i>
<i>John Handcock</i>	<i>William Appellbury</i>	
<i>John Hughes</i>	<i>William Richardson</i>	<i>W^m Pace</i>
<i>Benjⁿ Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Augustine Ginnings</i>	<i>Thomas Harrison</i>
<i>John Martain</i>	<i>John Ginnings</i>	<i>John Ware</i>
<i>Richard Murrey</i>	<i>William White</i>	<i>John Overstreet</i>
<i>John Moody</i>	<i>Sandy Kill</i>	<i>Thomas Lilley</i>
<i>James Adams J^r</i>	<i>Samⁱ White</i>	<i>George Prockter</i>
<i>W^m Amofs</i>	<i>David Bailey Jun^r</i>	<i>John Holeman</i>
<i>Benjⁿ Lee</i>	<i>Daniel M^cKown</i>	<i>John Britt</i>
<i>John Duncan</i>	<i>Silvanus Bryantt</i>	<i>John Fenwick</i>
<i>Jn^s Winston</i>	<i>William Rynolds</i>	<i>W^m Harrison</i>
<i>William W [Hanes possibly] Ju^{tho^s East}</i>		<i>Charles Lewis</i>
<i>George Anderson Sen^r</i>	<i>Andrew Keys</i>	<i>Rob^t Lewis</i>
<i>Jeffe Parish</i>	<i>William Cole</i>	<i>George Payne</i>
<i>Richd Melton</i>	<i>John Kees</i>	<i>William Heale</i>
<i>Sanday Ford</i>	<i>William Martin Jun</i>	<i>William H Miller</i>
<i>Robert Wright</i>	<i>Thomas Applebury</i>	<i>Geo Payne Wren</i>
<i>Rob^t Napier</i>	<i>William Applebury Jun^r</i>	<i>John Lovell</i>
<i>John Barnard Jr</i>	<i>Anthony Haden</i>	<i>James Tuggle</i>

Obadiah Daniel
David Crondas
Thomas Door
Richard Chandler
John Lee
John Pace
George Thompson
Th^o Napier
Rich^d Napier
David Wade
John Hanson
Thomas Allbretter
John Clements
John Mann
James Overstreet
W^m pace
James Call
Thomas Mimms
Rich^d Scruggs
Benjⁿ Page
Cha^s Christian Jun^r
Wright Moreland
Obadiah Smith
Solomon Williams
Natt Holland
Nath^l Cawley
W^m Right

Ashley Olnifs
Abraham Pruett
Peter Leake
John Mofs Jun^r
Charles Allford
Daniell Mullins
Joseph Call
James Allen
John Mullins
Henry Tuggle
Bryant Connolly
W^m Johnson
Henry Davenport
William Hall
Matthew Lowary
John Holland
Edw^d Duke
Will Ware
John Robinson
John Swan
Will Pearce
William Payne
Rich^d Merrion
Stephⁿ Sampson
Joseph Woodson
Thomas Underwood
W^m Royfter

Joseph Pollard
Alex^r Spots^d Dandridge
Josias Payne J^r
Edmond Vaughan
Matthew Vaughan
James George Jun^r
W^m Pledge
Josiah Leak
Charles Christian
Elisha Leak
Nath^l Maffie
John Coles
Patrick Rose
Rich^d Farrar
Samuel Shelton
Andrew Grubs
Charles Rice
William Holman
Anthony Askew
Robert Page
John Bickley
John Barnett
Edward Rice
Joseph Baker
W^m Ennifs
Tho^s Marker
Gideon Boles

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 10th day of March 1774 for the proof of Publick Claims &c

Present

Roger Thompson Geo. Thompson Clifton Rodes & John Marks Gent

This Petition of Sundry the Inhabitants of this County was presented to the Court & by them thought reasonable—which is ordered to be certified to the General Assembly

Taft Tucker Woodson D C

[Endorsed:] A Petition for / establisshing a ferry / acrofs Fluvanna & / Rivanna Rivers in the / County of Albemarle
to be heard on Monday / the 23^d May 2^d (Reasonable)

1774

To the Hon^{ble} The Speaker and Burgeffes of Virginia

Samuel Poe

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner being a Soldier in the Virginia Regiment and in the Battle and defeat of general Braddock received a wound that has ever since been a great hinderence and trouble to him in geting a Subsistance. Therefore prays redrefs from this Hon^{ble} House as they in their Wisdome & Justice shall think his Sufferings & Service to his Country intitule him to, and he as in duty bound shall ever Pray

Sam^l Poe

May 1774

[Endorsed:] 23 May, 1774, refer- / red to the committee / of public claims / reasonable / £20. present / £5. ₤ annum for Life /

1774

*To The Hon^{ble} The Speaker and Burgeffes of Virginia**John Clark**Most Humbly Sheweth*

That your Petitioner being a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment and being in a party on Command headed by Lt King received a wound in a Skirmish which happen with the Indians at *Wils* [or *Evits*] *Creek* near *Fort Cumberland*, which wound has been very hurtful to him & now grown old he submits his case to the generous goodness & Justice of this Hon^{ble} House of representatives & shall ever Pray

*John Clarke**May 1774**Fincafile*

[Endorsed:] 23 May, 1774, referred / to the committee of pub / lic claims. / reasonable / £10 present / £5. p Ann. for Life /

1774

[Copied from the "*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*," Vol. 18, pp. 277, 278.]²⁷*To the Honble the Speaker & House of Burgeffes.*

The Petition of Jane Frazer widow & administratrix of John Frazer, formerly of the Province of Pennsylvania, humbly sheweth.

That your Pet'r's said husband had been concerned for many years in a trade with the Indians on the River *Ohio*, where he was in the Month of *June* 1754, when he received Intelligence that hostilities were Commenced or likely to take place, between this Colony & the said Indians, and thought it prudent to retire from that Country with his effect: He accordingly set off with his goods carr'd by Sev'l Horses to Return to *Pensylvania*, & on his way, met with this Colony Troops under the command of *George Washington* Esq'r. at the place called *Fort Neceffity*, or the *Great Meadows*: where Col'o *Washington*, expecting an Attack from the Enemy, preffed the s'd *John Frazer*'s horses to be employd in bringing some stores and a partie of men from Mr. *Christopher Gist*'s, & also in bringing amunition & Provisions from Col'o *Cresup*'s to the s'd *Meadows* for Protection of the Forces; in consequence of which the s'd *John Frazer* was detained at the *Meadows*, until the Battle happened at that place & the *Virg'a* Troops Capitulated, when all the s'd *John Frazer*'s goods were taken and Plundered by the Enemy (A particular Account of which taken the day before the s'd Engagem't amounting to £2252.4, is hereto annexed) and were totally lost to him.

That the s'd *John Frazer* soon after Came to the City of *W'msburg* to Petition for a Recompence for his said losses, the event of which y'r Pet'r is wholly unacquainted with except that he declared on his return that he was offered a moietie of his loss, nothing was done.

That the said *John Frazer* being of a dilatory disposition, never concerned himself further in the s'd Claim during his life; Nor should y'r pet'r have undertaken this long and fatiguing Journey, or troubled this Hon^{ble} House on the Subject, but that she hath been lately called on by two Merch'ts in *Philadelphia* for about seven hundred & fifty pounds, now due for the Purchase of part of the s'd goods, w'ch she cannot discharge, without the total ruin of herself & seven young children.

Y'r Pet'r, impelled by this Necessity, humbly submits the Claim afores'd to the Consideration of the House, and prays such recompence for the loss sustained by the s'd *John Frazer*, in the Public service, as their Justice shall fuggest.

And she will pray &c

[Endorsed:] Mrs. *Frazer*'s Pet'n 25 May, 1774, referred to the committee of public claims.

30th May 1774

. At a Meeting²⁸ of 25 of the late Representatives legally assembled by the Moderator, it was agreed That Letters be wrote to all our Sister Colonies, acknowledging the

Receipt

²⁷ The original paper is so dilapidated that the printed copy has been used.

²⁸ This paper is not, technically, one of the "legislative papers" of the General Assembly, but is of closely allied nature, and its importance warrants its publication here. The paper drawn up by the members of the House of Burgeffes immediately after the dissolution of the General Assembly by Lord Dunmore on the 26th of May, 1774, and usually referred to as the "affociation" is to be found reprinted in the "*Journals of the House of Burgeffes, 1773-1776*," p. xiii.

Receipt of the Letters and Refolves from *Boston* &c informing them, that before the same came to hand, the *Virginia* Assembly had been unexpectedly dissolved and most of the Members returned to their respective Counties. That it is the Opinion of all the late House of Burgesses who could be convened on the present Occasion, that the Colony of *Virginia* will concur with the other Colonies in such Measures as shall be judged most effectual for the Preservation of the Common Rights & Liberty of *British America*; that they are of Opinion particularly that an Association against Importations will probably be entered into, as soon as the late Representatives can be collected, and perhaps against Exportations also after a certain Time. But that this must not be considered as an Engagement on the part of this Colony, which it would be presumption in us to enter into, and that we are sending Dispatches to call together the late Representatives to meet at *Williamsburg* on the first Day of *August* next to conclude finally on these important Questions.

<i>Peyton Randolph</i> . Moderator.	<i>Th Jefferson</i>	<i>John Walker</i>
<i>Ro. C. Nicholas</i>	<i>Mann Page Junr</i>	<i>James Wood.</i>
<i>Edm^d Pendleton</i>	<i>Char^s Carter Lan^r</i>	<i>W^m Langhorne</i>
<i>Will Harwood</i>	<i>J^s Mercer</i>	<i>T. Blackburne</i>
<i>Rich^d Adams</i>	<i>R Wormeley Carter.</i>	<i>Edm^d Berkeley</i>
<i>Thom^s Whiting</i>	<i>G^o Washington</i>	<i>Jn^o Donelson</i>
<i>Henry Lee</i>	<i>Francis Lightfoot Lee</i>	<i>P. Carrington</i>
<i>Lemuel Riddick</i>	<i>Tho^s Nelson jr</i>	<i>Lewis Burwell (Gloster)</i>
	<i>R Rutherford</i>	

1775

By Virtue of a *Dedimus Poteftatem* to us directed, We do hereby certify that the following Gentlemen elected to serve as Burgesses for this present General Assembly, this Day took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, and repeated and subscribed the Test—

<i>Payton Randolph</i>	<i>Joseph Hutchings</i>	<i>William Bibb</i>
<i>Burwell Baffett</i>	<i>Isaac Smith</i>	<i>Thomas Pettus</i>
<i>George Brooke</i>	<i>William Cabell</i>	<i>Mann Page junr</i>
<i>David Mason</i>	<i>Southy Simpson</i>	<i>Francis Lightfoot Lee</i>
<i>Richard Adams</i>	<i>Charles Carter</i>	<i>Henry Pendleton</i>
<i>Thomas Newton junr</i>	<i>Thomas Mann Randolph</i>	<i>Henry King</i>
<i>James Edmondson</i>	<i>Richard Lee</i>	<i>James Holt</i>
<i>James Mercer</i>	<i>Charles Carter</i>	<i>William Langhorne</i>
<i>John Bowdoin</i>	<i>Anthony Winston</i>	<i>John Talbot</i>
<i>John Tabb</i>	<i>Joseph Jones</i>	<i>John Banister</i>
<i>Nathaniel Terry</i>	<i>Allen Cocke</i>	<i>Archibald Cary</i>
<i>James Montagu</i>	<i>Robert Munford</i>	<i>Henry Field junr</i>
<i>William Harwood</i>	<i>James Taylor jr</i>	<i>Francis Payton</i>
<i>Michael Blow</i>	<i>James Selden</i>	<i>Joseph Nevill</i>
<i>Champion Travis</i>	<i>Nicholas Faulcon jr</i>	<i>Charles Broadwater</i>
<i>Robert Wormeley Carter</i>	<i>James Taylor</i>	<i>Peter Poythrefts</i>
<i>Carter Braxton</i>	<i>Micajah Watkins</i>	<i>Edmund Berkeley</i>
<i>William Fitzhugh</i>	<i>Robert Carter Nicholas</i>	<i>Thomas Whiting</i>
<i>Henry Taylor</i>	<i>William Norvell</i>	<i>Thomas Nelson jr</i>
<i>George Lyne</i>	<i>Worlich Westwood</i>	<i>Meriwether Smith</i>
<i>John Scafbrook Wells</i>	<i>Henry Lee</i>	<i>Bartholomew Dandridge</i>
<i>John Day</i>	<i>John Nicholas</i>	

Given under our Hands this first Day of *June* 1775

Tho^s Nelson
R^d Corbin

1775

(1590)

1775

By Virtue of a *Dedimus Potestatem* to us directed, We do hereby certify that the following Gentleman, elected to serve as Burgeffes for this present General Assembly, this Day took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, and repeated and subscribed the Test.

Dudley Digges—

Given under our Hands this 1st Day of June 1775.

Tho^s Nelson

W^m Byrd.

1775

By Virtue of a *Dedimus Potestatem* to us directed, We do hereby certify that the following Gentleman, elected to serve as Burgeffes for this present General Assembly this Day took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, and repeated and subscribed the Test.

John Randolph

Given under our Hands this 1st Day of June 1775

Tho^s Nelson

W Byrd

1775

By Virtue of a *Dedimus Potestatem* to us directed, We do hereby certify, that the following Gentlemen, elected to serve as Burgeffes for this present General Assembly, this Day took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken, and repeated and subscribed the Test.

John Bowyer

John Winn

William Aylett

John Mayo

John Woodson

Henry Tazewell

Edwin Gray

Josias Clapham

William Fleming

Samuel McDowell

William Acrill

Samuel Duval

Given under our Hands this 2^d Day of June 1775

Tho^s Nelson

Gawin Corbin

[1775]

To the Honorable the Speaker and the Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

The Petition^{rs} of the Presbytery of Hanover, in behalf of themselves, and all the Presbyterians in Virginia in particular and all Protestant Dissenters in general,

Humbly Sheweth,

That upon application made by the rev^d Mr *James Anderson* in behalf of the Synod of *Philadelphia*, The Honourable Governour *Gooch* with the advice of the Council, did, in the year 1738, or about that time, for the encouragement of all Presbyterians who might incline to settle in the Colony, Grant an Instrument of writing under the seal of the Colony, containing the most ample assurances that they should enjoy the full and free exercise of their Religion, and all the other privileges of good subjects. Relying upon this express Stipulation, as well as upon the Justice and catholic Spirit of the whole Legislative body, several thousand families of *Presbyterians* have removed from the northern Provinces into the frontiers of this Colony; exposed themselves to a cruel and savage enemy, and all the other toils and dangers of settling a new Country, and soon became a Barrier to the former inhabitants who were settled in the more commodious parts of the Colony. Ever since that time we have been considered and treated upon an equal footing with our fellow-subjects, nor have our ministers or people been restricted

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²² This paper, as it is now preserved in the Virginia State Library, is in a very dilapidated condition, parts of it having crumbled away. It was copied, however, some years ago for the Virginia Historical Society at a time when its condition was better than it is to-day, and it was printed in the "Virginia Magazine of History and Biography," Vol. 13, on pp. 40-45, recourse to which has been necessary for a few lines of the text.

in their religious privileges by any law of the Colony. Your humble Petitioners further shew, that with gratitude they acknowledge the Catholic design of our late honourable Assembly to secure by law the religious liberties of all protestant Dissenters in the Colony; accordingly they did in the year 1772 prepare and print a Toleration Bill; but as the Subject was deeply interesting it was generously left open for Amendment. But Notwithstanding, we are fully persuaded of the Catholic and generous design of our late representatives; Yet we are deeply sensible that some things in the above named printed Bill will be very grievous and burdensome to us if passed into a law. Therefore we humbly and earnestly pray that the said Bill may not be established without such alterations and Amendments as will render it more agreeable to the Principles of impartial liberty and sound policy, which we presume were the valuable ends for which it was first intended. Therefore we humbly beg leave, while we are making the prayer of our petition in a more particular way, to lay before this honourable house in the most respectful manner, a few remarks upon the Bill.

The Preamble is agreeable to what we desire; only we pray that the Preamble and every other part of the Bill may be so expressed as will be most likely to obtain the royal assent.

We are also willing that all our Clergy-men should be required to take the oaths of allegiance, &c. usually taken by civil officers; and to declare their beliefs of the Holy Scriptures.

Likewise, as is required in the said Bill, we shall willingly have all our Churches and stated places for public worship registered, if this honourable house shall think proper to grant it. But every minister of the Gospel is under indispensable obligations to follow the Example of our blessed Saviour, "who went about doing good;" and the Example of his apostles who not only "taught in the Temple, but in every house where they came they ceased not to teach and preach *Jefus Christ*;" From which, and their constant practice of travelling into every quarter of the World we humbly trust that it will appear to this Assembly, that we cannot consistent with the duties of our office wholly confine our ministrations to any place or number of places; and to be limited by Law, would be the more grievous, because in many parts of this Colony even where the majority of the inhabitants are *Presbyterians*, it is not, and perhaps it may not, in any short time be easy to determine where it would be the most expedient to fix upon a stated place for public worship; and indeed where we have houses for worship already built, generally the bounds of our Congregations are so very extensive, that many of our people, especially women children and Servants are not able to attend by reason of the distance, which makes it our duty as faithful ministers of *Christ* to double our diligence, and frequently to Lecture and Catechise in the remote corners of our Congregations: This restriction would also be very grievous to us in many other respects; We only beg leave to add, that the number of *Presbyterians* in this province is now very great and the number of Clergy-men but small, therefore we are obliged frequently to itinerate and preach through various parts of the Colony, that our people may have an opportunity to worship God and receive the Sacraments in the way agreeable to their own consciences. As to our having meetings for public worship in the night, it is not in frequent practice among our Churches; yet sometimes we find it expedient to attend night meetings, that a neighbourhood may hear a Sermon or a Lecture, or be catechised without being much interrupted in their daily labour: And so long as our fellow subjects are permitted to meet together by day or by night, for the purposes of business or diversion, we hope we shall not be restrained from meeting together as opportunity serves us, upon business of all others the most important; especially if it be considered that the Apostles held frequent societies by night, and once *S^t Paul* continued his speech till midnight; accordingly it is well known that in city and collegiate Churches evening prayers and lectures have long been esteemed lawful and profitable exercises. As to any bad influence this practice may have upon Servants or any others, it is sufficient to say
that

that there is nothing in our principles or way of worship that tends to promote a spirit of disobedience or disorder, but much to the contrary; and if any person shall be detected in doing or teaching anything criminal in this respect, we presume he is liable to punishment by a law already in being; therefore we pray that no dissenting minister qualified according to law may be subjected to any penalty for preaching or teaching at any time, or in any place in this Colony.

We confess it is easy for us to keep open doors in time of divine service except in case of storm or other inclemency of the weather; Yet we would humbly represent that such a requirement implies a suspicion of our Loyalty, and will fix a Stigma upon us to after ages, such as we presume our honourable representatives will not judge that we have any how incurred; therefore we pray that this clause may also be removed from the Bill.

And as to baptizing or receiving servants into our Communion, we have always anxiously desired to do it with the permission of their masters; but when a servant appears to be a true penitent and makes profession of his faith in *Christ*, upon his desire, it is our indefensible duty to admit him into our Church, and if he has never been baptized, we are to baptize him according to the command of *Christ*,—"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." And we are so confidently persuaded of the liberal sentiments of this house, that in obeying the laws of *Christ*, we shall never be reduced to the necessity of disobeying the Laws of our Country.

And we also, having abundant reason to hope that we shall be indulged in every other thing that may appear reasonable, your Petitioners further pray.

For liberty and protection in the discharge of all the functions and duty of our Office as ministers of the Gospel; and that the penalties to be inflicted on those who may disturb any of our congregations in the time of divine service, or misuse the Preacher, be the same as on those who disturb the congregations, or misuse the preachers of the Church of *England*; And that the dissenting clergy, as well as the Clergy of the established Church, be excused from all burdensome offices: All which we conceive is granted in the *English* Toleration Act. And we pray for that freedom in speaking and writing upon religious subjects, which is allowed by law to every member of the *British* Empire in civil affairs, and which has long been so friendly to the Cause of Liberty.

And also we pray for a right by law to hold estates, and enjoy donations and legacies for the support of our Churches and schools for the instruction of our youth. Though this is not expressed in the *English* Act of Toleration, yet the greatest Lawyers in *England* have pled, and the best Judges have determined, that it is manifestly implied.

Finally, we pray that nothing in the Act of Toleration may be so expressed as to render us Suspicious or odious to our Countrymen, with whom we desire to live in peace and friendship; but that all misdemeanors committed by dissenters may be punished by laws equally binding upon all our fellow subjects, without any regard to their religious Tenets. Or if any non-compliance with the Conditions of the Act of Toleration, shall be judged to deserve punishment, We pray that the Crime may be accurately defined, and the penalty ascertained by the Legislature; And that neither be left to the discretion of any Magistrate, or court whatsoever. May it please this Honourable Assembly, There are some other things which we omit, because they are less essential to the rights of conscience, and the interest of our Church; we trust that we petition for nothing but what justice says ought to be ours; for as ample privileges as any of our fellow subjects enjoy, "To have and enjoy the full and free exercise of our Religion, without molestation or danger of incurring any penalty whatsoever." We are petitioning in favor of a Church that is neither contemptible nor obscure; It prevails in every province to the Northward of *Maryland*, and its advocates in all the more southern provinces are numerous and respectable; The greatest Monarch in the North of *Europe* adorns it; It is the established religion

religion of the populous and wealthy states of *Holand*; It prevails in the wife and happy Cantons of *Switzerland*; and it is the profession of *Geneva*, a State among the foremost of those, who at the Reformation emancipated themselves from the Slavery of *Rome*: And some of the first geniuses and writers in every branch of Literature were sons of our Church.

The subject is of such solemn importance to us, that comparatively speaking, our lives and our liberties are but of little value; And the population of the Country, and the honour of the legislature, as well as the interest of *American* liberty, are certainly most deeply concerned in the matter; Therefore we would willingly lay before this Honourable House a more extensive view of our Reasons in favour of an unlimited impartial Toleration; but fearing we should transgress upon the patience of the house, we conclude with praying that the alwise, just, and merciful God would direct you in this, and all your other important determinations.

Signed by order of Presbytery.

David Rice, Moderator,
Caleb Wallace Clk.

At a session of the Presbytery In *Amherst* County, Nov^r 11. 1774.

[1775]

To the Honourable the Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

The Petition of *Peter Hunsbrough* of the County of *Stafford* Humbly Sheweth that in the Year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & Seventy one he was Posses'd of a Valuable man Slave Named *Sharper* & that Some time in *December* he discovered Some behaviour in the Said *Sharper* which occasioned your Petitioner to be more Strict in inquiring into the Conduct & where he Spent his time in his absent hours your Petitioner Quickly found as he believed that *Sharper's* Intents were Criminal in Endeavouring to Procuring Poison from a Negroe Doctor or Conjurer as they are Call'd but for what Purpose unknown your Petitioner thought it his Duty to Apply to one of the Gentlemen Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid & Inform him of the Matter & to Consult what was best to be done to detect the Villian from his Intended Villiany & Accordingly did apply to *Yelverton Peyton* Gentleman one of the Justices aforesaid of the County & Inform'd him of what Grounds he had for Suspicion upon which the Said Justice Issued his Warrant to apprehend Said *Sharper* which was executed & was brought to tryal before the Said Justice in Company with Jⁿ^o *James* Gentleman and other of the Justices of the County aforesaid & upon the Examination of Said *Sharper* it appeared to the Justices afores^d that *Sharper* had attempted to procure Poison from the Doctor aforesaid to destroy White People & offer'd money for it but no Persons Name mentioned. upon which *Yelverton Peyton* Committed the Said *Sharper* to the County Goal & also Issued his Warrant to Summons the Gentlemen Justices of the Peace to meet at the Court House on a certain day in the month of *Decem^r* to hold a Court for the Examination of the Slave aforesaid as the Law directs. Your Petitioner begs Leave to acquaint this Honourable house that he took great pains & Some difficulty to attend the Court as the weather was Extremely Cold & Raining & finding that the Gentlemen Justices did not attend he thought it his Duty to enquire into the State of the Prisoner & found bitt by the Frost to Such a Degree that it Commanded Pity from every human breast. Your Petitioner apply'd to the Goaler to Procure a Nurse which accordingly was done the best that could be Procured with the View that the Said Slave should either Punish by the Laws of our County & not Suffer Death in the Cold Goal. Your Petitioner farther begs Leave to Inform this Honourable house that there were Several Days appointed for the Tryal aforesaid but never one to be held untill the Month of *May* in the Year of our Lord God one thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy two the Severity of the Weather is well known. In which time the Negro Doctor or Conjurer aforesaid through Age & Infirmitty was rendered incapable of attending as a Witness. The County Court of *Stafford* Thought Proper to acquit the Said *Sharper* Your Petitioner

tioner took the Poor distressed Slave home & Nurs'd him with all the Tender Care he was Capable of but the Wound was So Great that first his Feet came off & then his Legs grew worse untill he died in the Month of & as your Petitioner begs Leave to assure this Honourable house that his behaviour on the aforefaid Occasion was entirely Intend[ed] to Punish such Wickedness as he was fully Satisfied was Intended by the Said *Sharper* in Hopes to Deter others from Such like attempts which is too Common in our Country & as by that means lost a Valuable Slave Your Petitioner humbly hopes this Honourable house will take it under their tender Consideration

And grant Your Petitioner Such Relief as they in their Wisdom Shall think Meet And Your Petitioner shall ever Pray &c

Stafford Sc

At a Court held for proof of Public Claims, propositions & Grievances Nov^r the 8th

1773

The within Petition being produced and read, is ordered to be Certified to the General Assembly.

Henry Tyler C S C

Nothing else offered

1775

To the Honourable the Speaker, & the Gent^s of the House of Burgeffes:

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Amherst, on Harri's Creek & the parts adjacent thereto

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners have frequently business at *Bedford* Court, & that having the *Fluvanna* River to cross in their way thereto are, for the Convenience of Crossing at a Ferry, obliged to go greatly out of their way, or be under the Necessity of swimming their Horses, which, from it's being a large & rapid stream, is not only very inconvenient, but dangerous; That a Ferry being established a Cross the same at or near the lower end of *Henry Trent's* plantation, on the Northside, in the County of *Amherst*, to the Opposite land of *Nicholas Davies* in the County of *Bedford* would not only be convenient to your petitioners by having an Opp'ty of going the Most direct way, but also to travellers in Crossing the Country, & cannot, as we conceive, be in the least prejudicial to any person, as the Land through which the roads will go, too & from the same are Mostly Barren & unfit for Cultivation. Your petitioners therefore Humbly pray that a Ferry may be established at the place aforefaid, & they as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.—

James mc Nees

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George Penn

John Tinsley

George Mackdaniel

Archibald Cox

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Micajah Goodwin

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John Hardwick

James Rucker

John Ritchie

Anthony Street

David Wade

Jos: Goodwin

Thomas Street

Tho^s Gillennaters

Samuel Giles

Edward houchin

James Pendleton

John ward

Richard Powell

Gab^l Penn

W^m Johns

Rich^d Shelton

Dudley Gatewood

David Shepherd

Isaac Tinsley

John Baufey

Henry Franklin J^r

David Woodwax

Ja^s Franklyn

Cha^s Miller

William Hughes

John Bonds

John Jenkins

James Crews

Joseph Crews

Ballenger wade

John Goodwin

John Phillips

Obadiah Henderson

Battaile Harrison

Benjamin Mences

Larkin Gatewood

George Lee

William Penn

John Sale

James Mences

Moses Penn Jun^r

John Ownley Jun^r

Richard Harrison

Reuben Cowhard

William Paterson

Edward Tinsley

Henry M^daniel

Joshua

<i>Joshua Tinsley</i>	<i>Dan Burford</i>	<i>William Banks</i>
<i>W^m Whitton</i>	<i>John Harrefon</i>	<i>John Henry Goodwin</i>
<i>Jn^o Morritt (?)</i>	<i>John Houghin</i>	<i>Thomas Jenkins—</i>
<i>John Franklyn</i>	<i>Edmond Pendleton</i>	<i>Matthew Harris</i>
<i>Ambrose Rucker</i>	<i>Joseph Foft</i>	<i>William Staton</i>
<i>John McDaniel</i>	<i>Joshua Shelton</i>	<i>John Giles</i>
<i>John Burford</i>	<i>Thomas warters</i>	<i>Richard Powel junr</i>
<i>Thomas Lumpkin</i>	<i>William Whitfitt</i>	<i>Thomas Powel juner</i>

[Endorfed:] *June, 1775, refer- / red to the committee / of prop & grievance. /*

1775

To the Honb^{le} the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes of Virginia in General Affembly met.

The Memorial of the Directors and Managers for erecting a Lighthouse on Cape Henry fheweth.

That your Memorialists in compliance with two Acts of the general Affembly of this Colony; and an Act of the general Affembly of the Province of *Maryland*, took the earlieft Opportunity of executing the Trust reposed in them, by purchasing and procuring to be transported to the said Cape, Stone and other Materials, necessary for building a Lighthouse, as well as a dwelling House for the Keeper thereof, and making and fixing Buoys on the Shoals in the Bay of *Chesapeake*.

That by the Acts of Affembly of this Colony the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds was granted for the purposes aforefaid: and that by the Act of Affembly of *Maryland* the further Sum of three thousand Six hundred Pounds lawfull Money of *Maryland* of the value of three thousand two hundred & Seventy two Pounds fourteen Shillings and Seven pence lawfull Money of *Virginia* was granted for the same purpose.

That your Memorialists have expended, and contracted for the payment of Seven thousand Nine hundred and Eight pounds four Shillings and Ten pence three farthings *Virginia* Currency in purchasing such Materials and procuring them to be transported to the said Cape, and building a dwelling House for the Keeper of the said Lighthouse, and making Eight Buoys, and purchasing, Chains and Anchors necessary for fixing them on the Shoals aforefaid.

That after deducting the Money expended, and also what is agreed to be paid in a short Time, there will remain of the Money granted as aforefaid only about the sum of thirteen hundred & sixty four pounds Ten shillings as appears by an Account of Disbursements and Vouchers ready to be laid before this House when called for.

And that from the best information your Memorialists have been able to obtain, it will require the further Sum of Five thousand Pounds or near it, to purchase such other Materials as are necessary, and to pay Workmen's Wages, for erecting the said Light-house, and other incidental Charges.

Your Memorialists therefore submit it to the consideration of this House to make such further provision and Establishments as they may think proper & necessary to enable the said Directors and Managers to carry the laudable Intention of the Affembly of this Colony, and the Affembly of *Maryland* into complete Execution.

Tho^s Nelson

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Joseph Hutchings

Thomas Newton Jun^r

Ja Holt

Jn^o Hutchings

Matt: Phripp [or Phipp]

[Endorfed:] *15 June, 1775, re- / ferred to the committee of trade.*

Considered *17th June* / reasonable & the sum of £5000, to be allowed

[The following papers in reference to slaves who were executed are inserted in a block to themselves according to the dates of the condemnation of the slaves to death. They are "legislative papers," because they are certificates of the value of the slaves made by the courts to the General Assembly—in one case with proof of the ownership of the slave at the time of his execution. According to law (see *Hening*, vi, 107), legally executed slaves were paid for by the public. It was not necessary that the owners hand in petitions, the presentation of the certificates to the committee on public claims being sufficient. Hence these cases are not referred to in the Journals of the House. We should, however, find them all duly recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the committee and in the reports of the committee to the House of Burgesses were these documents extant; and we should find the various amounts involved entered in the books of claims for the various sessions—the documents setting forth the indebtedness which the public was called on from time to time to pay.]

1770

At a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held at *Dinwiddie* County Court House the first day of *November* 1770. *Harry* a Negro Man Slave belonging to *Joseph Darville* was tried convicted and sentenced to Death for committing Felony & Burglary and was executed on the twelfth of the same Month. The Court valued the said *Harry* to eighty five pounds Current Money.

Teste *Tho^r Ruffin* C. D. C.[Endorsed:] *Jos. Darville's / Harry £85 / Ent^d /*

1772

At a Court of *Oyer & Terminer* held for *Brunswick* County on *Monday* the third day of *June* 1772 for the Tryal of *Juday* a Negro Woman Slave belonging to *Nathaniel Harrison* Esqr of *Prince George* County on suspicion of her feloniously administering Poisonous Medecines with intention to destroy the Family of *Lewis Scarbrough* of 1^d County of *Brunswick*

The said *Juday* being Led to the Bar in Custody of the Sheriff of this County and it being Demanded of her whether she was Guilty of the Felony aforesaid or not she said she was in no wise Guilty thereof, Whereupon divers Witnesses were Sworn & examined against her & she heard in her Own Defence On consideration whereof It is the Opinion of the Court that the said *Juday* is Guilty of the Felony aforesaid whereof she stands charged Therefore It is Ordered that she be hanged by the Neck until she be dead, and that the Sheriff of this County Cause Execution thereof to be done on *Fryday* the twenty sixth day of this Instant

The Court valued the said *Juday* to fifty pounds Current Money of *Virginia*—& she was accordingly Executed

Copy Teste

Francis Young D C B C:[Endorsed:] *Harrison's / Judith £ 50 / Ent^d /*

1772

At a Court held for *Mecklenburg* County the 12th day of *June* 1772. for the Trial of *Jack* a Negroe Man Slave belonging to *Robert Munford* Esqr for Feloniously committing a Rape on the Body of *Mary Johnson*,

The said *Jack* was Condemn'd and Executed and by the Court Valued to One Hundred Pounds Curr^t money of *Virginia*

A Duplicate

A Copy Teste

John Tabb C M C

1772

(1597)

1772

At a Court held for *Mecklenburg* County on *Monday* the Eighth day of *November* 1773 for the Trial of *Frank* a Negroe man Slave belonging to *James Anderson* for Felony The said *Frank* was Condemned and Executed and by the Court Valued to Seventy Pounds *Virginia* Currency

A Copy Teste *John Tabb* C M C

[Endorfed:] *James Anderson* / *Frank* £70 / Ent^d /

1772

At a Court of *Oyer & terminer* held at *Suffex* County Courthouse the 6th day of *July* 1772

Harry a negro man Slave, belonging to *John Prince*, who was this day Arraigned tried & convicted of felony and burglary for which he stands sentenced to be hanged was by the Court valued to Seventy Pounds current money which is order'd to be certified to the next Session of Assembly

Test A: *Claiborne* C S Cr:

Affigned to Mess^{rs} *Sam^l* & *George Karr*

[Endorfed:] Negro *Harry's* Valua / tion / Certificate / *John Prince* / duplicate / aff^d to Mess^{rs} *Karr* /

1772

At a Court of *Oyer & Terminer* held for *Charles City* County the 11 day of *November* 1772

Bob alias Robin a negro flave late belonging to *Johnson* of the County of *Albemarle*, & formerly the property of *Ingram Gill* of this County, being this day condemned to be hanged for felony, the Court doth Value the 1^d Slave, at Sixty five pounds current money, & Ordered that the same be certified to the Next General Assembly.

A Copy Test

Mord: *Debnam* C.' C.' C

[Endorfed:] *Johnson's* Bean / *Bob als Robin* / £65. / Ent^d /

At a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held in *Charles City* County at the Courthouse the 11 Day of *November* 1772

Bob, alias Robin a negro man Slave late belonging to *Johnson* of the County of *Albemarle*, and who was formerly the property of *Ingram Gill* of this County, being this day condemned to be hanged for felony. The Court doth value the said Slave to Sixty five pounds Current money & ordered that the same be certified to the Next General Assembly

a Copy Mord. *Debnam* C.' C.' C

[Endorfed:] *Johnson* Been's / Certificate / *Bob als Robin* / £65 / a duplicate / ent^d before /

[Papers accompanying]

Henrico to Wit

This day *John M^cKeand* made Oath before me that sometime in the year 1772. *Ingram Gill* of the County of *Charles City* sent him a negro man named *bob* to sell on his acc^t which Negro he Sold to Doct^r *James Currie* of *Richmond* Town Given under my hand this 12th day of *April* 1774

Turner Southall

Henrico to Wit

The within mentioned Negro *Bob* I purchafed of *John M^cKeand* & sold him to *Alexander Gordon* then of *Amherft* County Sworn to before me this 15th day of *April* 1774 by Doct^r *James Currie*

Turner Southall

Amherft to wit,

This day *Patrick Hart* made Oath before me that some time in the Year 1772. *Alexander Gordon* Sold a Negroe Man named *Bob* or *Robin* to *Johnston* Bean which he was informed that the 1^d *Gordon* Purchafed of Doct^r *James Currie*. Given under my hand this 5th Day of *May* 1774

William Horsley

1772

1772

James a Negro Man Slave belonging to *Harry Delony* was at a Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer* held in *Norfolk* County the second day of *December* 1772 convicted of Felony & executed and valued by the said Court at Eighty pounds Current Money, which is certified to the General Assembly for an Allowance

Copy Teste

Sam Baugh Cl. N. C—

[Endorsed:] Certificate / Negro *Jemmy* / *Henry Delony* aff^d to *Paul Carrington* / a duplicate / Ent^d before /

1773

At a Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer* held for the County of *Brunswick* at the Court house on *Monday* the Eleventh day of *January* in the year of our Lord *Christ* one thousand seven hundred and Seventy three. for the Trial of *Sall* a Negroe woman slave belonging to *John Loftain* on suspicion of her Feloniously Murdering her own child.

Present

Douglass Wilkins, *James Balfour*, *Richard Elliott* &, *Jn^o Powell* Gent Justices

The said *Sall* was condemned to Die and was by the Court Valued to Eighty pounds curr^t money of *Virginia*.

Copy Teste *P. Pelham* jr C B C

The said *Sall* was Executed Pursuant to her Sentence

W. Mafon D C

[Endorsed:] Copy Tryal of *Jn^o Loftain's Sall*. / for *Jn^o Loftain* / *Sall* £80 / Ent^d /

1773

At a Court held for the Proof of Public Claims for the receiving and Certifying Propositions and Grievances, for *Middlefex* County at the Court House in *Urbanna* on *Saturday* the 27th Day of *February* 1773.

The claim of *Gawin Corbin*, Elq^r for Eighty five pounds the value of a Negro slave Named *Lewis* belonging to the said *Gawin Corbin*, who was tried and Condemned for Murder at a Court of *Oyer* & *Terminer* held for the said County of *Midellefex* on the Sixteenth Day of *May* 1772. and Executed pursuant to the said condemnation on the Twenty Ninth Day of the said Month of *May*, and it appearing to this Court by the Record of the same that the said Slave was at the Time of his condemnation valued to Eighty five pounds It is ordered to be certified to the next General Assembly

Copy Test Will Churchhill C. M. C.

[Endorsed:] *Corbin's / Lewis* £85 / Ent^d /

1773

At a Court held for *Halifax* County the 18th day of *June* 1772 for the Tryal of *Jack* a Negro Man Slave belonging to *Richard Echols* for Felony

The said Slave having received Sentence of Death was Valued to Ninety pounds Current Money, which was Ordered to be Certified to the General Assembly By the Court

Tho Tunstall D C

I do Assign over the above Certificate to Mess^{rs} *Mofs Armistead* & C^o as Witnes my hand this 18th of *Feb^y* 1773

Rich^d Echols

Test *Rob^t Payne*

[Endorsed:] Certificate / for *R Echols* / Negro £90 / Aff^d to *Mofs Armist^d* / & C^o / Ent^d /

1773

1773

Brunswick County—Court of *Oyer & Terminer* held 2^d day of *Ap'* 73.

for the trial of *Charles* a Negroe Man Slave belonging to *John Bailey* of this County for Felony, where It was Ordered by the Court that for the said Felony the said *Charles* should be hanged by the Neck until he be Dead, and that execution thereof be done by the Sheriff on this day Fortnight. The said *Charles* was by the Court valued to eighty pounds Current Money of *Virginia*.

Copy Teste

P. Pelham jr Cl. Cur

[Endorsed:] *Bailey's / Charles £80 / Ent^d /*

1773

At a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held in *Accomack County* on *Tuesday* the xxxith Day of *August* 1773 for the Tryal of *Abraham* a Negro Man Slave the Property of *Southy Meers* on Suspicion of Felony

The said Negro being found Guilty of the same was Executed Accordingly and by the Court Valued to Eighty Pounds Cur^t Money of *Virginia* which is Ordered to be Certified to the next General Affembly & is accordingly by

Geo: Holden Cl. Cur. Acco.

[Endorsed:] *Meer's / Abraham £80 / Ent^d /*

1773.

Prince William County fct

I *John Graham* Clerk of the Court of the said County do hereby certifye that at a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held at the Courthouse of the said County on the Eighth Day of *September* 1773. *George* a Negroe Man Slave the property of a certain *Bernard Hooe* being indicted for making an Affault on *Mary Coleman* Wife of *Nanial Coleman* and ravishing and carnally knowing the said *Mary* against her Consent was of the said Offence found guilty condemned and executed. And further the said Negro *George* was valued by the said Court to Eighty pounds Current Money

Test *John Graham* Cl Cur[Endorsed:] *Barnard Hooe's / George / £80 / Ent^d /*

1773

Suffex County fc

Whereas *Jack* a negro man Slave belonging to *Jeremiah Bonner* at a Court of *Oyer & Terminer* held at the Court house of the said County the 10th day of *September* 1773 was arraign'd tried & Convicted of felony for which Sentence of death was then passed upon him I do hereby certify that the said court valued the said *Jack* Eighty pounds current money, and that the said *Jack* hath since suffered according to the said Sentence.

A. Claiborne

Assigned to *Rich^d Hill*

[Endorsed:] Certificate of the / Exon: &c of *Bonner's / Jack / aff^d to Rich^d Hill /* duplicate /

1773

Prince W^m County f^t

I *John Graham* Clerk of *Prince William County* Court do hereby certifye that at a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held at the Court house of the said County the 9th Day of *May* 1772. *Jem* a negroe Fellow the Property of a certain *Thomas Hogan* was indicted for Felony and by the Court condemned to Death and was accordingly hanged pursuant to said Sentence And the said Negroe *Jem* was by the said Court valued at the Price of Eighty pounds Current Money.

John Graham Cl Cur

Dumfries 18th November 1773.

I hereby assign to *John Riddell* (or order) of *Dumfries* in the County of *Prince William* the within certificate to be levied in his name, & for his own proper use & behoof. Witness my Hand

Test *William Wood**Thos Hogin**William Cumine*[Endorsed:] For / Mr *Tho^s Hogan / Aff^d to Jn^o Riddell / Jem £80 / Ent^d /*

1773

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1773

At a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held in *Price George County* the 18th day of *August* 1773 For the Tryal of *Gruff* a Negro man Slave belonging to the Estate of *Frederick Jones* decess'd for Felony, the said *Gruff* was Condemn'd to be Hanged, and was Valued to Eighty pounds Current Money which is Certified by

Theo: Bland Cl Cur

At a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held in *Prince George County* the 8th day of *September* 1773 for the Tryal of *Jack*, a negro man Slave belonging to *Duncan Rose* for Felony the said *Jack* was Condemn'd to be hanged and was Valued to forty five pounds Current Money which is Certified by

Theo: Bland Cl Cur

At a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held in *Prince George County*, the 8th day of *December* 1773 For the Tryal of *Will* a Negro man Slave belonging to *John Banister* for Felony the said *Will* was Condemn'd to be Hang'd and was Valued to Eighty pounds Current money which is Certified by

Theo: Bland Cl Cur

[Endorfed:] *Fr. Jones's Gruff* £80 / *Rose's Jack* 45 / *Bannister's Will* 80 / Ent^d /

1773

Dagon a negro man belonging to *Alexander King* of *Hanover*, lately condemned to be hang'd by the County Court of *Henrico*, was Valued at eighty pounds. Certified this 11th day of *October* 1773

Jn^o Pendleton D. Clk H Court

I do affign the within Valuation Money to *W^m Pollard* for Value received of him Witnefs my hand this 17th *January* 1774

Alex^r King

Tefst Jerry Jones

[Endorfed:] *W^m Pollard* / Aff^{ee} of *Alex^r King* / £ 80 / *Dagon* / Ent^d /

1773

Suffex fc

I do hereby certifie that at a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held at *Suffex County* Courthouse the 10th day of *September* 1773 *Jack* a negro man Slave belonging to *Jeremiah Bonner* was Arraigned tried & convicted of felony for which Sentence of death then pafst on him, that the court valued the said *Jack* to eighty pounds current money & that the said *Jack* has fince fuffer'd agreeable to the fentence aforefaid.

Tefte

A. Claiborne Clk. of the Crown

I affign the above to *Rich^d Hill & Co.*

Jeremiah Bonner

March 21st 1774

Tefst Rich^d Hill Jr

[Endorfed:] *Bonnors Jack* / Valued / Copy / Affigned to / *Rich^d Hill & Co.* / *Jack* £80 / Ent^d /

1774

At a Court of *Oyer and Terminer* held for *Charles City County*,

11 *February* 1774

Jack a negro flave late belonging to *Robert Walker* of this County, being this day condemned, to be hanged for felony, the Court doth Value the said Slave at fixty five pounds current money & Ordered that the Same be Certified to the next General Affembly.

A Copy Tefst

Mord: Debnam C. C. C.

[Endorfed:] *Walker's* / *Jack* L 65 / Ent^d.

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